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Better than money

Chocolate-coated ingot matches inflation rate

conventional coinage and even gold bullion the Financial Times, Britain's sober business daily, has suggested a better form of currency: The Mars bar.

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"The chocolate-coated ingot," as the paper dubbed the American candy bar, has been of consistent quality and size for four decades and its price has almost exactly matched the rate of inflation, increasing by 1,800 percent since 1940.

That is how the theory works: A small sedan car cost 160 pounds (now worth \$312) in 1940 and would set you back 2,901 pounds (\$5,655) today.

But if those prices are converted into the number of Mars bars you could have bought, the price of a car hasn't changed much -19,200 Mars bars in 1940 and 19,333 today. Thus the car is still a comparatively good value.

But some things have increased disproportionately and sell for inflated Mars bar prices, said the Financial Times, required reading for bowler-hatted gents in the city of London, the capital's financial quarter.

Dining on roast beef at Simpson in the Strand has risen from "MB24 to MB39" and a Rolls-Royce, which cost the equivalent of 200,000 Mars bars in 1940, today costs a discouraging MB347,000.

On the other hand, tobacco is cheaper. The cost of sending a son to Harrow, the exclusive secondary school and alma mater of prime ministers, is just MB21,200 compared with MB25,930 in 1940.

A Mars bar cost 2 old pennies 1940 — .83 pence in the decimalized currency system Britain has had since 1971 — and sells for 15 pence today.

ized gasoline should be phased out in the

Arab oil states and drivers made to pay world

prices, the Organization of Arab Petroleum

'Argentine bomb

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AFP) - Argentina

making it Latin America's leading nuclear power, the British weekly New Scientist said Wednesday.

The weekly also reported that Argentina

had built a secret nuclear reprocessing plant

near Buenos Aires airport but gave no details

Americans believed Argentina had already

run tests of a rocket with an atom-bomb

launching capacity, the paper said, adding

that the country's foreign minister had said

on its sources of information.

due next year'

"The Mars bar is a currency for our time: It is a long-established product of staple commodities, cocoa, vegetable fats, milk solids, and chocolate packaged with great consisency in the form of an ingot," wrote columnist Nicholas Colchester.

Arguing that people have lost their financial bearings and even gold bullion is too prone to speculation to be a reliable measure of value, Colchester's sweet-toothed theory, published lat week, drew a spoonful of wellargued and witty letters to the editor — including this one from a north London reader whose own research spanning some 30 years, indicates that the value of the Mars bar has dropped. When hungry at school, I found one Mars bar quite sufficient. Today I can manage three." One of London's tabloids, the Daily Mail, has launched a "Mars is better than money' contest, inviting readers to point out dramatic changes in MB prices. The prize is 100 Mars bars.

Colchester said the further reaches of his theory include "the Euro-Mars bar, the way money consumption automatically limits money supply, and variations of liquidity with temperature.

His concluding suggestion: "Monetary experts should chew this one over."

One sector of the economy delighted by the new British monetary theory is Mars Ltd. of Slough, Berkshire, a subsidiary of Mars Inc. based in McLean, Virginia.

Spokesman Derek Patterson, Who claimed the Mars is already Britain's bestselling candy bar, said it was too early to tell whether the Financial Times theory had boosted sales, "but we're clearly delighted by the whole thing."

Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wed-

OAPEC, grouping the main Arab oil pro-

ducers, said in its monthly bulletin that local

fuel prices need to rise to world levels if these

countries are to curb sharply rising home

for gasoline and other oil products in the

oil-importing West, energy use is growing by

At that rate less than half arab oil would be

available for export by the 21st Century,

OAPEC said, assuming current production

OAPEC said low pump prices in the

exporting states represented a subsidy that

would reach billions of dollars a year in the

As an example, drivers in Kuwait pay 25

fils (nine cents) for a liter of petroi. That

would be about 40 cents for a U.S. gallon.

highest consuming countries by 1990.

10 percent a year in the OAPEC counti

While high prices have trimmed demand

demand and conserve their oil resources.



FRIENDS MEET: Two youngsters suffering from the rare aging disease Progerta met recently for the first time in Buena Park, California at the Knotts Berry Farm amusement park. Here eight-year-old Fransie Geringer, left, from South Africa examines nineyear-old Texan Mickey Hays movie camera.

No longer an oddity or alone

Fransie, Mickey feel happy

ANAHEIM, Calif. Dec. 2 (LAT) One from a faraway land, the other from a less distant place, two little boys arrived here Sunday with much in common. Yet, when 8-year-old Fransie Geringer, of Orkney, South Africa, met Mickey Hayes, 9, of Hallsville, Texas, Sunday night it was the first time either has felt he is not an oddity, alone in the world.

Both boys look like old men. Their heads are bald, their veins protrude, their skin is wrinkled. Fransie and Mickey, shrunken and aged beyond their years, suffer from Progeria, a rare disease that makes its victims grow old, physically, up to 10 times faster than normal.

Researchers say only one child in 8 million is afflicted by Progeria. Victims die of old age. usually from a heart attack or stroke, by their

For Fransie, the visit to Anaheim will fulfill a lifelong dream to meet Pinocchio when he and Mickey went to Disneyland Wednesday. His trip is being sponsored by the Sunshine Foundation, an organization that grants the

last wishes of dying children. Workers at the Sunshine Foundation in Philadelphia became aware of Fransie's wish through a widely published newspaper story

attending it were summoned unexpectedly by

clanging bells to vote in the middle of the

Division bells signalling that a vote was

about to take place in the Commons began

ringing, creating what the London Times

described as "general consternation" at the

The sumptuous meal was being held a short

distance from the Commons in the speaker's

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banquet.

Voting bells disrupt royal banquet LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) - A banquet for house, official residence of Speaker George Prince Charles and Princess Diana given by Thomas. Electric bells ring throughout the the speaker of the House of Commons was palace of Westminster whenever a vote is ruined Tuesday night when senior politicians about to take place in the Commons to warn

be good for the children, " he said.

town of Hallsville, Mickey spotted the same

story and picture and reportedly grew excited

at seeing what appeared to be his mirror

image. Another newspaper story followed,

and contributions for Mickey's journey came

pouring in, said Terrie Matheny, a reporter

for the Longview, Texas, Daily News. more

than 30 people throughout Texas contributed

more than \$2,000 for Mickey's trip, she said.

interviews at the hotel Sunday saying the lit-

tle boy was excited - he even brought gifts of

Texan souvenirs for his new friend - but

tired from his long journey, Tom McKeown

of the Sunshine Foundation, said. Mickey has

been a bit overwhelmed by all the media

attention, and medical authorities have

cautioned against too much excitement,

Fransie arrived later Sunday. McKeown

said usually Foundation-sponsored trips are

"very low key" out of concern for the ill

youngsters' conditions. Further, he said,

Fransie and Mickey are sensitive about their

appearance. On the other hand, he said, the

publicity has shown the boys that people are

"The way this has blossomed, this should

McKeown said.

kind and sympathetic.

Mickey's family declined requests for

chamber to hurry back to their places. The Times reported that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who was sitting next to the 33-year-old heir to the British throne and his 20-year-old wife, "was not amused" and that Thomas apologized to the royal couple. The summons to vote came from member

lawmakers in the area but outside the

of Parliament Tam Dalyell, of the opposition Labor Party.

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Poland's forces storm academy

WARSAW, Dec. 2 (R) — Paramilitary police, backed by army units, stormed a firemen's officer training academy in Warsaw Wednesday to end an eight-day-old occupation by some 340 striking cadets. The official news agency PAP said there were no casualties in the 90-minute operation, staged before several thousand onlookers who ieered and whistled as the security men went

Reacting to the swoop, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa ordered regional committees to go on "maximum alert".

The police swooped on the academy from two huge helicopters and stormed the compound, smashing through the main gates and jumping over a fence in a swift attack. Onlookers said the cadets did not resist.

Wednesday's action was the first assault of its kind against strikers since the 1980 summer revolt in which Poland's Communist rulers pledged to resolve disputes through peaceful means.

At a press conference this afternoon in the headquarters of Solidarity's Warsaw branch, spokesmen for the cadets estimated that between 3,000 and 6,000 militiamen took part in the evacuation.

A majority of cadets, along with teachers, had been on strike since Nov. 24 to protest a government bill under which the college would cease to be jointly administered by the higher education and interior ministries and would instead be the sole responsibility of the interior ministry.

The cadets wanted their school demilitarized, removed from interior ministry control and given civilian status under a new liberal statute for which the majority of university students are currently on strike.



The academy strike appeared Tuesday night to be developing into another public spectacle. Trams blocked the main street nearby and thousands gathered to declare support.

For the authorities, it was a serious challenge to the military-defense establishment where successive attempts to set up Solidarity-linked unions have been resisted. PAP said the interior ministry ordered the attack on the academy, a large three-story complex in the north Warsaw suburb of Zol-

Some of the cadets were driven off afterwards in buses to Warsaw's railway station. But they made the drivers take them instead to Warsaw's Solidarity headquarters.

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan hailed the Pakistani armed forces and the increasing cooperation between them and the Kingdom in the service of Islam.

Prince Sultan was speaking at a Inncheon party given in his honor by the General Manager of Ordinance factories Gen. Talat Masoud and attended by senior officers and ials. He said that this co extended to other fields along the road of pure spiritual rapport in service to their common religion. He praised the leadership of President Zia ul Haq which he said has led the country along a nationalistic course and adopted a forthright and honest policy dervied from Islam in principle and ideology.

Prince Sultan was impressed, he said, by the highly skilled personnel he had seen at the ordinance factories he had visited earlier in

Gen. Masoud said the factories, which had been visited by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, maintained a steady cooperation with the Kharj factories in the Kingdom.

a bulwark in the defense of Islam," he said.

"They will be instrumental in regaining lost

Arab and Islamic rights."

Abdullah leaves

for Switzerland

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) - Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of National Guard, left here Wednesday for Geneva to undergo a routine medical check-up in Switzerland.

Prince Abdullah, was seen off on departure by Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr, Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, Governor of Qassim Prince Abdul Illah and high ranking military and



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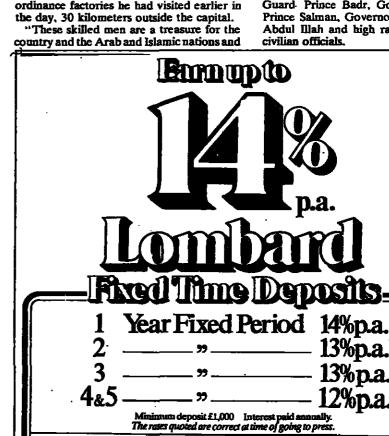
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Official steps completed to group electricity firms

RIYADH, Dec. 2 — The government has completed procedures to amalgamate electricity companies operating in the Eastern, Western, Central and Southern Regions. Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, minister of industry and · electricity, said Wednesday that the move is in accordance with instructions from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, and is a · necessary step to improve and expand the services to meet the increasing requirementsof the country.

The individual companies, which have been supplying power, couldn't keep pace with the demand, Algosaibi said. He added that no country in the world leaves such an important sector in the hands of individuals.

By amalgamating these companies the government also has been generous with the investors and shareholders by allowing them three new shares for each former share with a guaranteed income amounting to 45 percent a year. This is unmatched generosity since the -papital of the shareholders was raised three times at one stroke, Algosaibi said.

In due course the government will give up part of its capital to public subscription in order to increase the number of shareholders and to allow more people to benefit, he

The first of the consolidated companies to emerge was the Eastern Province Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO), which combined 26 private power companies with the Arabian-American Oil Company's power facilities. It was established with a capital of SR5 billion.

The Central Region Consolidated Electric-

ity Company amalgamates 36 power companies with the state's power projects in Khari and Qasim. The company, which took effect in November, 1980, also was funded with SR5 billion. The Southern Region Consolidated Electricity Company also was formed last year with a capital of SR4 billion.

The General Electricity Corporations budget for 1980 amounted to SR3.83 billion, a 36 percent increase over the previous year. Twenty projects went into operation in the 1979-80 fiscal year and included four projects in Asir, Baha, Kharj and Jizan.

Additionally, the electricity supply system in the Central Region is to be modernized at an estimated cost of £5 million. The move is an extension of a £10 million program that has increased the generating capacity in Riyadh from 400 to 1,000 megawatts in the last four years. The project is between SCECO and British Electricity International Ltd., and work will be carried out by the North West Electricity Board.

-Work involves coordinating Riyadh Electricity Company with 38 others in the Central Region. Some of the stations have separate generating capacity and transmission systems, which will be integrated to a standard system. Primary substations, distribution substations and cable laying are involved, and moves are toward underground rather than overhead cables.

The Western Region Consolidated Electricity Company has signed an agreement with the Saudi Industrial Development Fund under which it assumed responsibility of loan commitments granted by the Fund to the private and public companies it combined.

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Chinese envoy signs accord to continue oil deal

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (CNA) - Chinese Ambassador to the Kingdom Hsueh Yu-chi Tuesday signed an agreement with the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources under which the Saudi government will continue to sell 50,000 barrels of crude oil per day to the Chinese government in 1982.

The direct sale agreement provides that Petromin, the petroleum and mineral resources company, will supply China Petroleum Corp. with a total of 18,250,000 barrels of crude in 1982. This includes 7,665,000 barrels of Arabian light, 1,460,000 barrels of Berri crude, 3,650,000 barrels of Arabian medium, and 5,475,000 barrels of Arabian heavy.

The government-to- government sale between the two countries began in 1973 with an amount of 10,000 barrels per day.

The amount was doubled in 1974 and was further increased to 50,000 barrels per day in 1980 following a visit to the Kingdom by Chinese Premier Y.S. Sun in

Ambassador Hsueh stressed the significance of the sale, saying this is a manifestation of the friendly ties between the two

He said his government appreciates the Kingdom's assistance and will in turn do its utmost to cooperate with Saudi Arabia in its development programs.

The second section dealt with sending distinguished students abroad for higher studies and increasing the number of qualified graduates needed for the Kingdom's development programs, the book said.

reports released Wednesday. It added that the number of students study-The reports said that every year nationals ing abroad is linked in a certain way to the are returning to the homeland to assume their. opening of new fields for higher studies inside responsibilities in pushing forward the the Kingdom through expansion of existing economic and social development wheel, side universities or building new ones. It also indiby side with graduates of the Kingdom's unicated a connection between the increase or decrease in a certain field of specialization Students studying at the university level and the Kingdom's needs of qualified personnel in that field.

1976-77 and 1977-78.

form the majority of Saudi Arabians schooling abroad. Those preparing for masters and The statistical book also contained comdoctorate degrees do not exceed 20 percent parisons between the number of Saudi stuof the total, according to the reports. dents abroad during the years 1975-76.

The statistics are the contents of a book issued by the Higher Education Ministry's directorate general of higher studies development. The book said that the Kingdom is engaged in a unique pioneering experience in the social and economic development.

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Kingdom's scholarship policy for sending nation-

als abroad for study has begun bearing fruits

in addition to easing the pressure on Saudi

Arabian universities, according to official

Consequently, the large scale development and programs in every field prompted the need for additional skilled manpower. The Kingdom had to depend on foreign qualified personnel from Arab and other countries to meet the requirements of its immense and fast-paced development, the book said.

Meanwhile, the country has adopted a policy that would ensure the training of nationals to replace the foreign personnel. The book said that this trend depended on two pillars. One was expanding existing universities to accommodate more students, in addition to opening new ones. Now, there are seven universities and several girls faculties across the Kingdom.

RIYADH, (SPA) - King Khaled congratulated United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan Wednesday on his country's national day anniversary. He wished the president good health and happiness, and further progress and prosperity to the UAE people.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Islamic banking between theory and implementation will be the subject of a thesis for a doctorine degree presented by Sheikh Abdullah ibu Muhammad ibn Ahmad Al-Tayyar. The thesis will be discussed Monday at the Higher Judiciary Institute by a committee headed by Sheikh Mana Khalil Al-Qahtan, the institute's director.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Western Region Post Department will be handed over its building which cost SR240 million in the next six months, according to officials Wednesday. The new structure, equipped with modern technology devices, accommodates a vocational training institute and the secondary postal institute in addition to 10,050

DHAHRAN, (SPA) — Hassan Zaheer, chairman of the Pakistan government rail-

ways, visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals here Wednesday. He inspected UPM's departments and was briefed on its programs. The Pakistani officials also visisted Jubail city and toured the Royal Commission for Jubail Yanbu's industrial projects. He had arrived here Monday on a few-days visit to the Eastern Province as part of his tour of the

DAMMAM, (SPA) - Officials of the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry met with a Philippine trade and industry mission Wednesday. The Filipino delegation represents a wide range of specialized industries. The meeting, also attended by businessmen in the region, discussed imports and trade and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

RIYADH (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar, governor of the vocational training and technical education general organization, visited various training centers and institutes here Wednesday. He inspected progress of programs and training including classes of Saudi Arabian instructors who began giving training lesson after completing courses in the United States.

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Scholarships produce good results were 9.096 natives studying abroad: Of these, 8,216 were male students while 880 were female. Students of both sexes preparing for bachelors degree . numbered 6,618. while 542 were studying at pre-university stages, 22 learning to attain higher dipl mas, 1,129 for masters degrees, 739 for doctorate degrees, 43 for fellowship and three persons

in other studies. In the previous year, the total number of Saudi Arabian students abroad stood at 8,137. Those preparing for bachelors' degrees numbered 5,732, higher diplomas 14, masters degree 721, doctorate 160 and fellowship 34. During the 1975-76 academic year, 8,280 students were studying abroad

including 6,000 on bachelors degrees. The book stated that the figures included students on official missions sent by ministries and other government departments.

Abuali explained the objectives of the

week preparations and requirements to make it successful. About 6,000 trees will be

Taif plans tree planting week

TAIF, DEC. 2 (SPA) - Taif Municipality is organizing a tree planting week in cooperation with the Western Region Education Directorate General. The event, scheduled to begin Dec. 19, is part of a public awareness program implemented by the municipality.

During the 1977-78 academic year, there

About 4,000 students, assisted by the municipality's agricultural department, will plant approximately 20,000 saplings at 30 public

gardens in the resort city.

Meanwhile, Eastern Province Education Director General Dr. Said Atiyya Abuali chaired a meeting of the tree planting week committee. The week, organized by the Agriculture and Water Ministry in cooperation with other government departments in the province, begins Dec. 30.

planted during the week in various parts of the province. The director general added that 115 schools will also be planted. The education directorate has allocated between SR30,000 and SR40.000 as expenses for the project, he added. The committee, in which all government departments concerned with the tree week are represented, has discussed the prepara-

tions including efforts of municipalities, Presidency of Youth Welfare, the National Guard, police departments and the Water and Sewage Department.



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Arabsat launching pact signed

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 2 — A contract for launching an Arab satellite into orbit 1984 was signed here Wednesday at a cost of \$23 million.

The agreement was signed by Ali Al-Mashat, director general of the Arab space telecommunications authority, and Frederick Dalist, head of Ariene (the European rocket organization) which will carry out the launching. France's Aeropaciape had won the contract to make the satellite at a cost of \$134 million. The contract was signed last May by Mashat and the company's Chairman Jac-

ques Mitterand who visited the country for the purpose.

Both signing ceremonies were attended by the Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal who represented Saudi Arabia, the largest contributor to the scheme.

The project comprises three satellites with 26 channels each to provide 8,000 telephone circuits, seven television channels and one joint television channel.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Kayyal said that the project will be beneficial in the transmission of television programs, telephone calls, telex and telegraph services. "That is why the Kingdom has decided to support it," he said. Twenty one other Arab states are taking part in the project. Its headquarters will be in the Kingdom.

Dr. Mashat said the authority has selected a suitable orbit to ensure maximum efficiency in the transmission of television programs to outlying areas in the Arab world which are not at present covered by their national services.

At the signing ceremony last May, Kayyal described the project as an 'economic development' and said it will link the Arab states culturally, socially, educationally and in the health field as

delegates visit Jubail station

Bahrain desalt

JUBAIL, Dec. 2 (SPA) - Jubail industrial city received Wednesday delegates of the international conference on saline water conversion which opened in Bahrain Monday. The group was welcomed by Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) Governor Abdullah Al-Filegah

The delegation had come to inspect the Jubail desalination plant, one of the largest in the Kingdom. Isam Jamjoum, vice-governor of SWCC, briefed the group before they saw a film on the construction of the plant.

The delegation first visited phase I of the plant which produces 30 million gallons of fresh water per day in addition to 90 megawatt of electricity. Then they proceded to the phase II which will increase the plant's production 10-fold to 310 million gallons and 900 megawatts. The plant will supply part of its production to Riyadh, more than 500 kilometers away.

The delegates also inspected the water pipelines which will carry the plant's production to the capital.

Inflation kept at 1 percent during 1981 third quarter

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Living costs in the five major cities of the Kingdom increased only by one percent during the third quarter of 1981, in comparison to the second quarter, according to official statistics released Wednesday.

The Finance and National Economy Ministry's General statistics department said in its statement that the slight inflation increase a good indication of the economic stability and firmness of prices in the Kingdom.

The department said that the survey covered Saudi Arabian nationals and foreig-

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ners residing in the five cities. The rise represents a 2.7 percent hike compared to the same period of last year, it said.

The rise in the prices of fresh and dry vegetables was blamed for the increase of the cost of living. Vegetable prices had gone up by 21 percent during that period because of the vegetable drop in imports coming through Jordan during that period.

The statistics department said that the rise in the cost of living becomes insignificant when compared to inflation rates for the same period in other countries.

Arab ministers open conference

ALGIERS, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Arab housing ministers' conference which opened here Wednesday has approved Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb's proposal nominating Algerian Housing Minister

Ahmad Al-Ghazali to chair the conference. Iraqi and Tunisian ministers were elected vice-presidents, while Bahrain's head of delegation was chosen as the rapporteur. The Algerian minister addressed the conference and conveyed his country's gratitude for the Arab relief aid when an earthquake destroyed the town of Asnam last year.

Three committees were formed to pursue topics of the agenda.

City officials debate municipality budget

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Higher Coordination Committee of Jeddah Municipality held a meeting here Wednesday under Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi.

The meeting was attended by officials of the municipality, some professors from King Abdul Aziz University, members of the committee and representatives of companies operating in Jeddah. The subject of discussions was the municipality's current and future budgets.



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130,000 business permits issued

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce has issued over 130,000 commercial registrations allowing their beneficiaries to set up trading companies and business of various sorts, according to Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamil, deputy minister

Wednesday.
Dr. Zamil said that the ministry has acquired a computer to store the data on these companies and will start operating it

within four months. A new system governing law practise in the country will be issued soon, he said. It was prepared by a team of Sauch Arabian

New regulations will be issued organizing the work of Saudi Arabian chartered

Education deans to hold meeting

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) - The deans of education colleges in the Gulf states will start meeting Saturday under the auspices of the Arab Gulf Education Bureau in order to

promote coordination among them. Thirteen deans representing their colleges will discuss problems facing them to come out with recommendations which would realize the desired coordination according to the bureau sources Wednesday.

The deans have already visited education colleges in Riyadh and Iraq as part of their studies of the capabilities of educational colleges in the region. They also seek to exchange ideas with their principals which could be made use of in the final study.

Scholarships okayed

RÎYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved a plan to send 21of the ministry's employees on scholarships to the United States and Europe. The employees will prepare for masters' degrees. It is part of

Japanese chief Jameel appoints

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 - Abdul Latif Jameel have appointed Akio Houri general manager of their Toshiba division in the Kingdom, it was announced here Wednesday.

He revealed that 80 persons have so far

been imprisoned for issuing dud checks when

they knew that they had had no credit to

honor the checks." We shall deal with each

case as soon as it is reported to us and will

take action including fines and prison sen-

tences as soon as we learn about it," he said.

Akio an experienced executive had spent ten years as Akai manager in France, Canada, the Philippines, Australia, Denmark and U.K. He was later appointed general manager for sales, in Europe and the Middle East.

Akio said he accepted the job here as a challenge to give Toshiba its right place in the Saudi Arabian market which it had not enjoyed in the past. He said he firmly believes that the alliance between Toshiba and Abdul Latif Jameel will result into a large and prosperous company.

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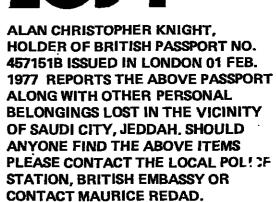
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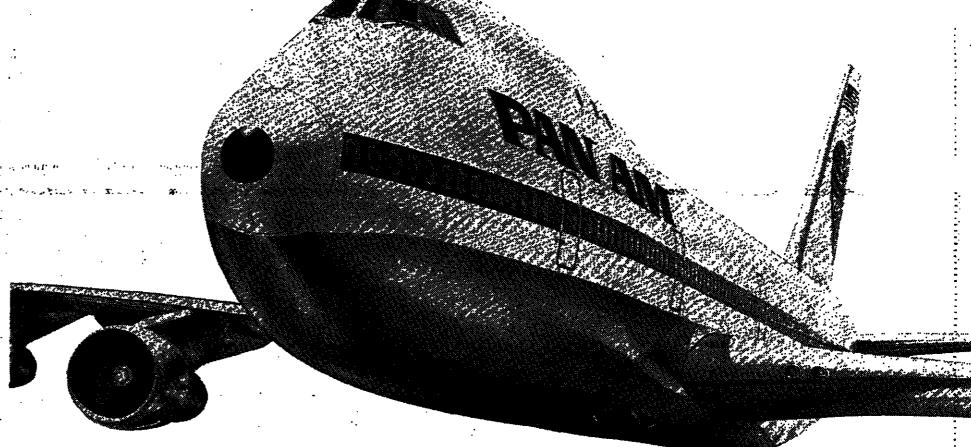
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Begin's aides rush home to save cabinet

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (R) — The Israeli government was Wednesday expected to narrowly survive opposition no-confidence motions over a new strategic cooperation accord with the United States.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who signed the pact in Washington two days ago, flew home early Wednesday. He said the agreement was a milestone in U.S.-Israeli relations and would play a significant role in curtailing any Soviet expansion in the Middle East. But opposition Labor leaders said the accord did not add to Israel's security while possibly exposing Israel as a Soviet target in any confrontation between the super powers.

The Labor Party and three small opposition parties, including the Communists, presented no-confidence motions in the Knesset (parliament) Wednesday over the accord. Cabinet ministers and other coalition parliamentarians rushed home from abroad to ensure victory for the government of Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

Begin will not be present as he is in hospital with a leg fracture but his absence will be balanced by that of former Labor Minister Haim Bar Lev who is also in hospital.

Opposition factions said Israel had won nothing new, but might find its armed forces involved in fighting not directly related to the security of the country. Some deputies feared that the reference to the Soviets might induce the Kremlin to clamp down altogether on Jewish emigration.

Afghan 'copters hit Pakistani buses; 5 killed

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 2 (R) — Two Afghan helicopter gunships attacked two buses inside Pakistan Wednesday killing five civilians and wounding three others, a foreign ministry statement said.

It said the attack happened south-west of Quetta, capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province where many Afghan refugees have settled. The casualties were the highest in a series of border violations and attacks reported by Pakistani authorities this year.

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After the last reported attack nearly three weeks ago when Afghan helicopters fired machine guns and dropped mines on two refugee camps inside Pakistan, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry warned of serious consequences if the violations continued. Wednesday's statement said that after attacking the two buses, the gunships fired rockets at a Pakistani border post. They returned to their side of the frontier when Pakistani troops opened fire.

Meanwhile, the cabinet was to meet in special session Thursday to decide on conditions Israel wants for European participation in the multinational force being set up to patrol Sinai when the territory is returned to Egypt in April, an official source said. The cabinet was to approve the final version of a document first worked out in Washington by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir last Friday, but amended by Begin and returned to the Americans.

Informed sources said that Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands would be allowed to join the force without formally refuting support of Palestine Liberation Organization involvement in Mideast peace talks.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass Tuesday called the new U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement a sinister alliance directed against Arab states.

"The sinister character of the new aggressive military strategic alliance is obvious," Tass said in a commentary. The agreement would encourage Israel to perpetuate the occupation of Arab territory seized in the 1967 Middle East war and also lead to new Israeli air and land attacks on neighboring states, it said.

At the same time, Washington saw the accord as an opportunity to expand its military presence in the Middle East and step up attempts to dominate the entire region, the agency added. The new accord was signed in Washington Monday by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

"It is spearheaded primarily against the Arab countries," Tass said.

Palestine flag at U.N. sparks Israeli anger

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 2 (AP) —
The display of Palestine flag at U.N. headquarters has aroused Arab-Israeli passions and prompted embarrassed U.N. officials to defend its removal.

Rudolf Stajduhar, a U.N. spokesman, said Tuesday that the display had been improper since only flags of the 157 U.N. member states are allowed to be shown at the United Nations. Zehdi Labib Terzi, U.N. observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said that showing the red, black and green flag was appropriate since the United Nations had been marking the international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people when the colors were unfurled Monday.

Terizi had barred U.N. security guards from removing the flag Monday, shouting: "over my dead body." The Palestinian observer said he guarded the Flag for four hours because "when I see someone wants to pull it down, I am there."

The flag was primed up as a backdrop while an Arab-speaking member of the U.N. department of public information interviewed Arab ambassadors for a television spot to be distributed to Arab countries. Also on display was a 1947 map of the old Palestine mandate that existed before the creation of Israel in 1948.

After the prolonged standoff, Terzi finally relented to having the flag and map moved from a public corridor into the trusteeship Council chamber where the solidarity day observances were being held.

As Syrians demonstrate

Habib confers with Assad

DAMASCUS. Dec. 2 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib met with Syrian President Hafez Assad Wednesday despite the anger Syria displayed over the strategic defense agreement the United States recently concluded with Israel.

As Habib talked with Assad at the Mohjaereen presidential palace, hundreds of thousands of irate Syrians demonstrated through the streets of Damascus denouncing a car-bomb blast that killed nearly 100 Syrians Sunday. Assad's government blamed the bombing on the underground Muslim Brotherhood, a fundamentalist movement which has been waging a campaign of bomb-

ings and assassinations in the last two years.

Speakers at Wednesday's demonstration, which was authorized by the government, condemned the Brotherhood as an "agent of Israel," while the security department at the interior ministry issued a communique that

identified the driver of the booby-trapped

The communique said the driver, who died in the blast, was Muhammad Sayej, a 19-year-old Damascus resident who worked briefly as a vegetable peddler before he was recruited by the Brotherhood four years ago and trained in terrorist activity at a "camp outside Syria." The communique did not say where the alleged training camp was.

The communique said the establishment of Saye, sidentity helped security forces round up all other "ring members connected with him."

The communique said Saye, s Japanese-made white Honda mini-truck contained 300 kg. of INT explosives that destroyed at least four four-story apartment buildings and wrecked scores of cars and buses in the busy and densely — populated Azbakieh neighborhood.

Gaza residents begin two-day general strike

GAZA, Dec. 2 (AP) — Gaza residents began a two-day general strike Wednesday to protest taxation and Israel's new civilian administration in the territory.

Gaza Mayor Rashid A-Shawa said the strike aimed to express Gaza's "hatred of the Israeli occupation" and their demand for statehood. It was the first general strike here in several years. Merchants, dentists and lawyers stayed away from work, students boycotted classes and Gaza's doctors accepted emergency cases only, A-Shawa said in a telephone interview.

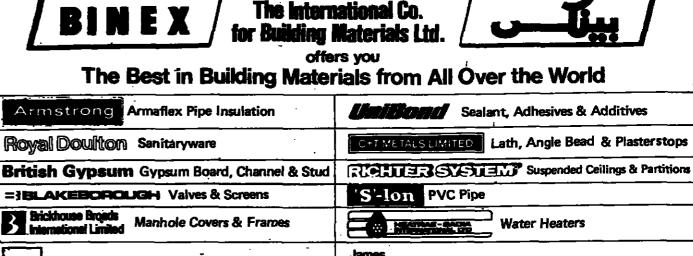
Gaza sources said soldiers forced shops in the market and main street to open, but most other businesses stayed closed. A-Shawa said the Gazans were against the civilian authority introduced Tuesday to replace the army in handling non-military affairs involving Gaza's nearly 500,000 residents. A similar administration has been running the occupied West Bank for a month.

"The civilian administration has no substance, means nothing, and is designed to fool the world at large and Israeli public opinion." A-Shawa charged. He said the strike also was against Israel's attempt to levy a 12-percent value added tax (VAT) from businessmen and professionals on every transaction they make.

Begin aides accused of misusing funds

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (AP) — A Tel Aviv newspaper Wednesday accused politicians in Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government of misusing funds donated by a West German political party.

Yedioth Ahronoth quoted unidentified officials in the Liberal Party, a faction of Begin's Likud bloc, as charging that funds from a Christian Democratic Party foundation were spent on "wasteful weekends at fancy hotels" and expensive trips abroad by politicians and their families to attend symposiums.



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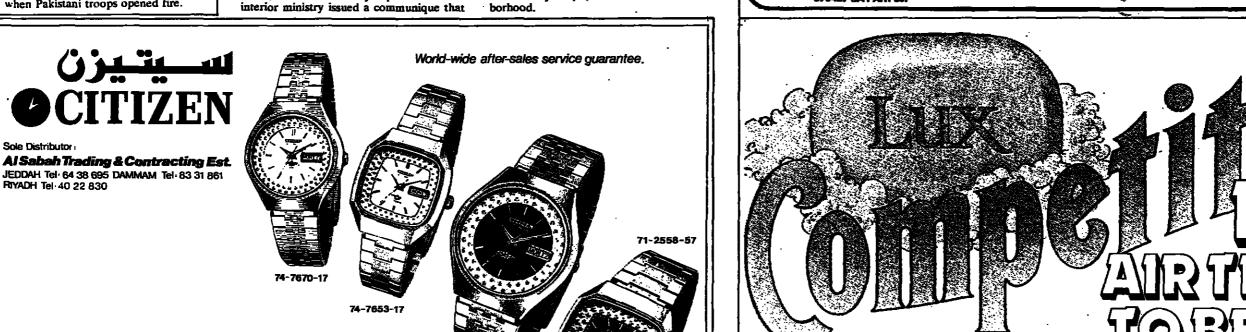
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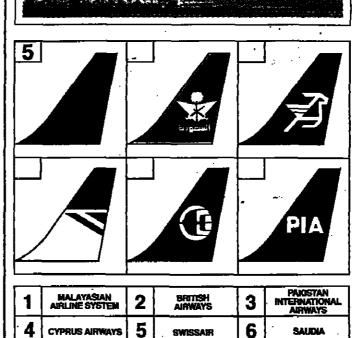
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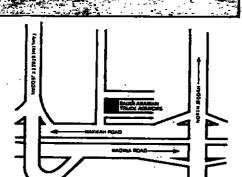


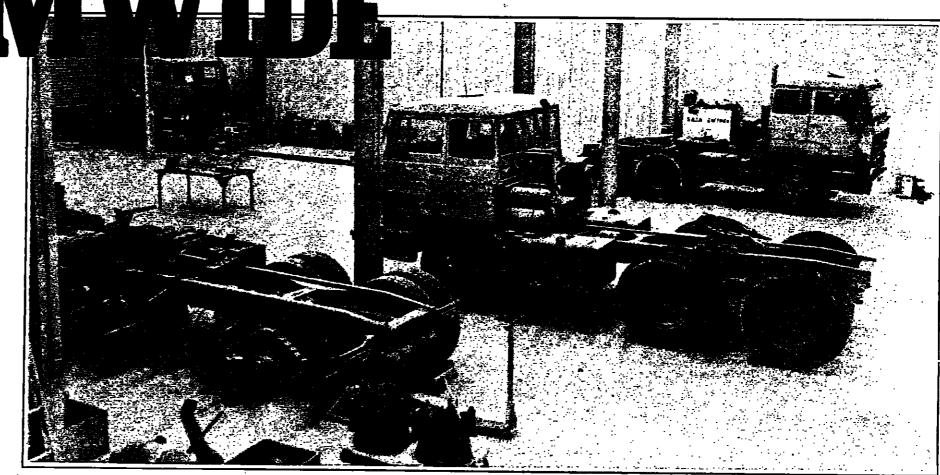
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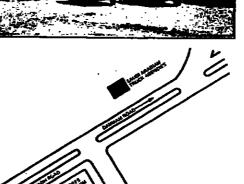
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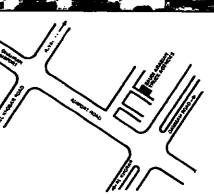


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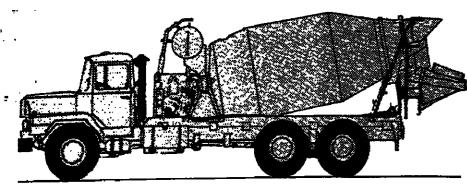


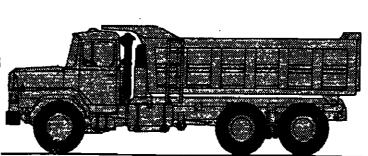


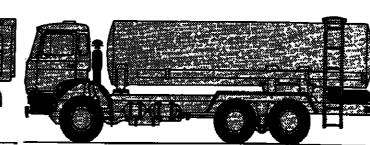
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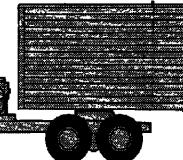
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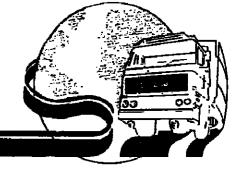


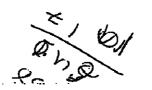






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The events surrounding the postponement of the Arab summit in Fez. Morocco, are still under careful consideration by the Arab world, both at the official and unofficial levels. The major issue at Fez was the Saudi Arabian plan for a just settlement in the Middle East and that issue will have to be faced again at the Arab foreign ministerial meeting which is to precede another summit.

This is to be the case for two reasons. The first is that the plan is no longer merely Saudi Arabia's affair, to follow up or withdraw as it sees fit. It is in the hand of the Arab League, which has no option but to raise it and attempt to obtain an Arab consensus regarding it.

Here it must be noted that Saudi Arabia had already declared its willingness to entertain and try to meet any reservations others may have around the plan. That was the spirit with which Saudi Arabia presented the plan to the Fez summit; and that is the spirit with which t shall stand for its plan once more, when a new summit is organized.

The second reason is that the Arab world has produced no alternative, whether military or political, for the plan, at a time when the situation in the Middle East is deteriorating rapidly. Israel is escalating its aggressive actions in the occupied territories as well as against the neighboring countries, encouraged, no doubt, by the lack of any coherent response on the Arab side.

Saudi Arabia's intention was the political isolation of the enemy at both the regional and international levels, so as to preempt its use of the only card it holds against the international community as well as the Arab world: that of military adventurism, of destroying the board when the game begins to go the other way.

This is why Saudi Arabia, having left its plan in the care of the Arab League, will go on trying to obtain a coherent Arab stand against the dangers threatening the area.

Saudi Arabian press review

Crown Prince Fahd's message to the chairman of the U.N. committee on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, dangers emanating from the strategic military alliance between Israel and the U.S. and the wise decision of the Arab leaders to postpone the Fez Arab summit appeared for editorial comments

in Wednesday's newspapers. Okaz said Crown Prince Fahd's message to the committee, once again emphasized the Kingdom's firm policy and strong determination to support the Palestinian cause for the restoration of their legitimate rights and the establishment of an independent Pales-

tine state. "Prince Fahd has very clearly stressed in his message that a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved without a complete Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands, at the foremost of which is Arab Jerusalem, and the granting of self-determination to the Palestinian people," the paper said.

Al-Jazirah observed that the Kingdom's eight-point peace plan was converted into an Arab plan at the 12th Arab summit, since all the participants refused to withdraw it from the agenda. "On the repeated requests from all. Prince this agreement to realize its Fahd agreed to keep it on the aggressive designs against the agenda for consultations on the Arabs' prime issue," it said.

Al-Yom praised the insistence of the participants not to withdraw the Kingdom's peace plan and their preference to postpone the summit for more consultations "Their agreement to discuss the plan without any changes or amendments has clearly shown the region" the paper said.

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Al -Bilad urged the Arab states to confront the challenges emanating from the U.S.-Israel military alliance and to heal their rifts within the framework of Arab and Islamic solidarity, unity and con-

Al-Nadwa said Washington is fully mistaken if the Reagan administration believes that its vital interests can be ensured by signing a strategic cooperation accord with Israel. "This strange American thinking is in contrast with the interest of the Arabs, the owner of the region," it said.

Al -Nadwa said Israel has signed Arabs. "Washington should realize that the accord, which backs Israeli intransigence and aggressions, will be a painful blow to all attempts at reaching a peaceful settlement in the area. At the same time, it will also weaken all among all the Arab leaders. voices calling for moderation," the paper added. (SPA)



Spain's problems remain, but officials optimistic

Just two weeks ago Spain was plunged into its worst political crisis since last February's abortive military coup, unleashing renewed fears of military intervention. Yet today officials are cautiously optimistic. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo appears to have quelled bickering within the ruling Centrist Party and avoided early general elections. The economy is performing better than expected and the 1982 budget is meeting little opposition in

The crisis blew up after internal disputes within the party led to the defection of 15 Social Democrats from the Centrist ranks and raised the possibility of general elections and a power vacuum tempting the armed forces to step in. Political sources now a cabinet reshuffle is imminent so the Centrists can tackle their last full year before the 1983 elections with a team supported by a national wage pact.

A tripartite agreement signed last June by employers, trade unions and the administration fixes a nine to 11 percent limit on wage increases next year. In return, the government has pledged to create up to 350,000 jobs and keep the unemployment figures to June 1981 levels.

The wage and employment pact, signed in a cli-

mate of consensus after the abortive military coup, is the basis for the government's budget provisions and 1982 economic forecasts. It is also the cornerstone of the government's fight against unemployment, which in June stood at 1.7 million, equivalent to 14 percent of the working population.

The prospect of industrial calm implicit in the agreement is an important contribution to stabilizing the political situation and consolidating Spain's young democracy.

Latest official forecasts expect final economic growth to reach between 1.2 and 1.3 percent this year, below the 2.5 percent target set in last year's budget but better than previous gloomy predictions of almost zero growth. Inflation is expected to finish at around 14 percent, down from 15.1 percent last

The balance of payments deficit is likely to fall thanks to an expected rise in exports, made more competitive by the peseta's depreciation against the dollar since last year.

Projections for next year's economic performance in the draft 1982 budget are equally optimistic but have been severly criticized by the Spanish Eployers' Federation for being totally unrealistic. Inflation is forecast to fall to 12 percent, gross domestic product will grow by three percent, with

increases in both private and public consumption. Despite the optimism and the potential for success, grave problems remain. Last week the government lost a minor vote during the budget debate in parliament when five of the Social Democratic defectors abstained, casting doubts on its ability to legislate.

The wage and employment agreement has remained partially blocked since last October because of differences between employers and unions. Both sides held urgent contacts last week to clear obstacles ahead of this year's wage bargaining round which will focus mainly on working conditions. Union leaders warned the tripartite agreement could lose credibility unless it was seen to

The wage and employment agreement first ran into trouble in October when the employers' organing committee in protest at the 1982 budget. They argued that the forecast budget deficit was too large to meet the government's employment objectives and would undermine the fight against inflation.

The deficit would also reduce credit available to the private sector by competing for money and generally threatening job creation policies. CEOE also argued that the increase in government spending would exceed the projected growth in production of

goods and services by 12 percent.

The employers objected to a proposed increase in the business transaction tax and to payments to trade unions under a scheme to compensate them for property confiscated by the late Gen. Franco after the civil war. These allocations would give financial muscle to the unions which have been desperately short of funds since they became legal

The employers also claimed that the 1981 deficit had already exceeded the target of 435 billion pesetas (\$4.5 billion) and that the final figure would be nearly double that amount because spending was higher and income lower than had been expected.

Defending its 1982 budget the government has pointed out that allocations for unemployment have risen 75 percent and a further allocation would directly help finance Spain's industrial restructuring This program, affecting steel, textiles and shipbuilding, is designed to prepare Spanish industry for membership of the European Economic Community (EEC) by cutting huge debts and trimming the workforce.

Initial estimates say the program will cover about 7,500 companies employing over 600,000 workers. If Spain is to meet the tentative 1984 date for EEC membership, much will depend on negotiations over its agriculture and fisheries industries. (R)

Haig admits U.S. policy in Salvador stalemated

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U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said recently that the war in El Salvador was "stalemated," and, by failing to deny a report that the Department of State was pressing a rejuctant Pentagon to consider a range of military options, he also acknowledged that U.S. policy was stalemated as

What is the current policy, and why isn't it workthe viability and practicality of the ing? Soon after taking office, the Reagan administplan as an Arab-oriented initiative ration made a firm commitment to the Salvadoran for seeking peace and stability in junta, pledging that Washington would provide all the economic and military support necessary to the Al-Madinah, Al-Bilad and Salvadoran government to prevent a leftist victory, Al-Nadwa have warned that the cut off "at the source" arms being supplied to leftist strategic cooperation between guerrillas, oppose a threatened coup by the right-Israel and the U.S. will deteriorate wing oligarchy, accept the land-reform program for the situation in the region and the time being, support elections next March, and invite Soviet intervention in the oppose negotiations with the Left unless it

renounces the use of violence.
These measures were designed to shore up the prelude to a dangerous arms race current junta and to assure a military victory. But, the region and will provide a by untying aid from human-rights reforms and obs-S.-sponsored official invitation tructing negotiations, the Reagan strategy has had to the Soviet Union to intervene in the paradoxical effect of strengthening the Left. the affairs of the Middle East with The security forces now act with impunity to pursue signing similar military pacts with a military solution. However, their actions actually win supporters for their opponents. More than half the Salvadoran population is under 17. Many of these youths are not intimidated when members of their family and friends are murdered by security forces; they're politicized.

By "drawing the line against Soviet expansionism" in El Salvador, the U.S. administration may have thought it was scaring Cuba and demonstrating U.S. determination. In fact, its position was interpreted as unconditional support of the military, and that position eliminated the crucial leverage of negotiation the Reagan administration needs to curb the excesses of security forces. By its halfhearted endorsement of land reform, the U.S. administration denied the Salvadoran government the margin of influence it needed to give large numbers of Campesinos a stake in the current regime. By raising a precondition to peace negotiations just when the Left dropped its preconditions, the U.S. administration is keeping the extremely heterogeneous Left unified, and is losing the politi-

cal initiative.

The proposed March elections deserve U.S. support, but even State Department officials admit that they are unlikely to be credible in this climate of violence. The only political trend in the junta's favor is that the Left, because of its systematic destruction of the country's infrastructure and its own atrocities, has also been unable to widen its base of popular support.

If one excludes current Reagan strategy, which Haig acknowledges is failing, there are essentially two options: Escalation of U.S. involvement or negotiation. Another option, withdrawal, can be ruled out because it would only accelerate the polarization and the killing.

Escalation would only bring disaster more rapidly than the current policy. Despite 10 months of threats and ultimatums, the rebels apparently still receive arms. A proposed U.S. military blockade of Cuba or Nicaragua is disproportionate to the size of the problem; it would weigh down the U.S. budget and lead others to question American judgment. And it could not work unless the United States was willing to shoot down commercial aircraft. In that case, the United States would be condemned with justification, by the international community. A larger U.S. military presence in El Salvador would only strengthen the Communist argument that the war represents El Salvador's national liberation from U.S. imperialism. Further, a large increase in U.S. military aid could very well provide an important alternative source of weapons for the Left from those hostile to U.S. involvement. None of these escalation options would work, nor would Congress accept them.

During the past few months, an alternative

strategy has been emerging in Congress: First, gradually reduce aid to the security forces until the government begins to discipline its soldiers and officers responsible for the murders of innocent civilians. Second, drop the precondition that the Left disarm itself and insist that negotiations proceed. It is hardly reasonable to expect the Left to abandon its weapons before negotiating its grievances or its future.

Some argue that linking aid to enforcement of human rights could divide and weaken the military. thus playing into the hands of the Left. But it is clear that the security forces are currently their own worst enemies. Until Salvadorans begin to respect them as protectors rather than to fear them as murderers, the government cannot break the current stalemate. It is increasingly clear that the biggest risk is to do nothing. If the Salvadoran army purged its treasury police and its national guard, it would find itself much stronger, not weaker.

Some who oppose negotiations argue that they 'reward" those who take up arms, and as such are a strategy of the Left to weaken and divide the government and the armed forces. But talking to those willing to die for their beliefs is hardly a reward. The power of combatants is diminished when words replace bullets. That is why both extremes are reluctant to negotiate. Negotiations will not be easy. But the idea that they can be manipulated only by the Left for its own ends is a confession of incompetence by those who resist negotiations.

The issue is how to make the proposed March elections free and fair and to guarantee the safety of the candidates. Without a definitive answer to that problem, who could blame the Left for not participating? If, on the other hand, the Left refuses to negotiate this issue seriously, who can defend them? The Left call for the restructuring of the armed forces, and, while that is in the best interest of El Salvador and the United States, the government ought to extract a price for it. Instead of condemning the French and Mexican governments, which have urged negotiations with the Left; the United States should encourage them to the the Left to participate in the elections and to const the excesses of the guerrillas.

Real boldness by the U.S. administration would turn around the Prussian Gen. Karl von Clausewitz's 18th century dictum — that war is a political instrument - by moving to the bargaining table. Only negotiations can make elections meaningful. The Salvadoran government is still strong: the Left is now willing to negotiate. This is the perfect time to start (LAT)

Letter to the editor

On U.S. arms to Pakistan

The proposed American military aid to Pakistan has caused a stir in certain quarters and I wish to bring certain facts to the attention of Arab News readers.

Ever since the Russian occupation of Afghanistan, the supply of American arms to Pakistan has been under discussion between the United States and Pakistan. The Russian juggernaut is now looking across Afghan-Pakistan borders. It is the independence, in fact, the very existence of Pakistan as

a Muslim nation, which is at stake. I want to ask one simple question: What a nation is expected to do when faced with a difficult situation we Pakistanis find ourselves in? Should we surrender to the situation? And should we allow the aggressor to rampage, unopposed, through our mosques, our cities, our villages, our plains and our mountains? Or should we, as a freedom-loving nation, resist the enemy, and stop it across our frontiers. Well, Pakistan has decided to follow the latter course.

Unfortunately the Indian government and its leaders are unmindful of the current crucial situation imposed upon Pakistan. There is a fury in the Indian press about the possible U.S. arms supplies. There is a hue and cry against Pakistan at regional as well as international levels. Indians claim that the area. As a matter of fact, Pakistan would simply be getting a few planes, some tanks and other small arms to replace its obsolete weaponry. Doesn't this uproar aim to distract the attention

American arms would upset the balance of power in

of the world from the huge piles of Russian armaments worth over \$8 billion made available to India under the Indo-Russian Agreement of 1971? The said agreement helped in the dismemberment of Pakistan in that same year. India, having an area of at least six times over that

of Pakistan and with a population of around 700 millions in comparison to Pakistan's 80 millions wants the world to believe that a country like Pakistan is posing a threat to the security of India. In Pakistan, we still have a part of that generation

alive which witnessed the march of Indian troops into the states of Hyderabad. Bhopal, Junagarh, Manavadar and Mangrol. Kashmir is a glaring example of the Indian military occupation.

The Indian Navy and Army and the Air force joined in an action against Portugal. Portuguese nationals were murdered en masse. A Portuguese naval ship was sunk, and Goa was taken over by India. Where are Cochin and Travancore states. Sikkim in the Himalayas is another example. France had to withdraw from Pondacherry in the face of mounting Indian pressure.

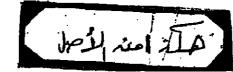
We, in Pakistan, have only one small arms and

ammunition factory while India has several factories. The output of those Indian Ordnance factories largely exceeds the requirements of its armed forces that India is exporting arms, including tanks, to the developing nations in Asia and Africa. Apart from those factories, India has atomic plants and atomic bombs added to its arsenal. The story does not end here. India has a contract with the British authorities of the attack plane, Jaguar. It has also approached defense manufacturers in France for the procurement of 200 planes of the latest Mirage.

In the oceans, India is also leading with an aircraft carrier and a strong contingent of modern warships. India will have a formidable naval force when it acquires German subs.

When Pakistan gets the limited quantity of American weapons and planes, they will be no match to the reserves built up over the years by India through local production and foreign sources. American weapons will hardly be sufficient to enable Pakistan to fight back the invading armies at its North-West Frontiers.

The question then is who is afraid of whom? Faithfully yours, M. Aslam. P.O. Box 1293,



King Faisal Foundation assists Texas cancer research program

By Jeannette Garrett Houston Bureau

HOUSTON - Almost 50 percent of the cancer recorded yearly at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh is a type called lymphoma which attacks the body's immune mechanism located in the lymphatic system. Given that statistic, when the King Faisal Foundation awarded the University of Texas System Cancer Center \$219,000 to study cancer, lymphoma was the natural target.

Under a two-year pilot program, researchers at the university's M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston are using newly developed techniques to help them better diagnose a disease which has a high rate of incidence in the United States. but an even higher rate in Saudi Arabia. In two laboratories on the hospital's third floor. Dr. Richard J. Ford and three other researchers are growing tumor cells in tissue culture conditions. The tissue is obtained from patients with lymphoma who have either undergone a biopsy for diagnostic purposes or who have undergone surgery to remove a malignant tumor.

Once they've succeeded in getting the tumor cells to grow in tissue culture conditions, Ford and his colleague will try to characterize how the tumor tissue is similar to or different from normal lymphocytes, the cells that make up the lymphoid system. Part of the problem with this type of research in the past is that once the tumor cells were taken out of the patient and put into tissue culture conditions they just simply died out, usually within a week," says Ford.

The pilot program, which got underway in October, is designed to address several different aspects of lymphoma. Cytogenetics, for instance, deals with the fact that the cancer cells themselves are genetic abnormalities that can be observed at the chromosome level. Ford's team is studying the chromosomes from lymphona cells to see whether or not the abnormalities are present in every case, and if not, exactly when they change in to the different types of human lymphomas.

An even newer area of research, and one which Ford hopes will allow doctors to identify lymphoma cells from normal lymphoid cells is monoclonal antibodies, a type of reagent that allows one to look at cells, surface proteins or antigens. Lymphoma cells can sometimes resemble normal cells, but with monoclonal antibodies identifying very specifically certain antigens that are present on the cells' surface, we can better identify and better diagnose lymphoma," says Ford.

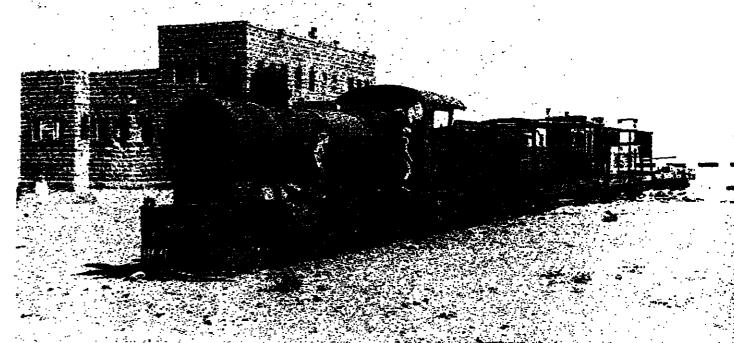
The lymph gland, and the whole lymphatic system, is made up of cells called lympocytes and macrophage which are responsible primarily for the defense the body has against all types of environmental and infectious diseases, from a cold to chicken pox. The cells

are found not only in the lymph glands, but in the spleen, thymus parts of the intestine and the tonsils.

The first sign of lymphoma is usually a lump in the patient's neck or another part of the body, which is an enlarged lymph node. Not all lumps of this sort turn out to be cancerous, of course. During an infectious disease, the lymph node often enlarges, but returns to its normal size once the illness is

The major treatment for lymphoma is chemotherapy, with or without radiation therapy. "It's encouraging to note that malignant lymphoma is one of those types of cancer which have been shown to be responsive in recent years to the various therapeutic modalities," notes Ford. Some types of lymphoma - Hodgkins disease, especially - and even some of the non-Hodgkins lymphomas. are actually being referred to as cured. As short a period as a decade ago they were almost uniformly fatal. Researchers at hospitals and research insti-

tutes are always happy to receive funds of any size, but especially so right now. "Given the tight (U.S.) government research budget, this is allowing us to do work in the field of lymphoma that we wouldn't be able to do without the King Faisal Foundation's help," says Ford. "Hopefully research in this area will not only benefit Saudi Arabians, but also this country and where ever the disease exists."



HISTORICAL SITE: Travelers in the Middle East often encountry

He travels world taking photos; steam trains fascinate lecturer

By Graham Heathcote

LONDON (AP) - Colin Garratt makes a living by travelling the world taking photographs of steam locomotives. A rarity in the developed world, there are so many working steam trains around the world that Garratt savs he may never find them all. "I am racing against time and I am losing the race."

Having visited 32 countries on four continents over the past 12 years, Garratt complained: "Well over half the remaining countries are running steam and their locomotives will outlive me.

The 41-year-old Englishman from Loughborough, Leicestershire, said he works 110 hours a week at his self-appointed task.

His travels occupy six months of the year; after that, he earns his livelihood by giving lectures, with color slides, and by writing books — 14 to date, mostly about steam trains. He estimates each slide costs him 85 pounds (\$162) to acquire.

Some countries are acutely securityconscious about their railroads. "Yugoslavia was absolutely the worst country I have worked in," Garratt said.

Permanent harassment, questioning and almost everything forbidden. East Germany also was pretty bad. I tried to go to the Soviet Union four years ago. The embassy in Loudon invited me down warmly for a chat and then told me they haven't got any steam engines. It is't true, they've got lots, as well as main-line diesels and electrics." The best country he worked in was India -

"steam engine utopia," he called it. "They take steam seriously there. Railroads pull India together.

Garratt is anxious to get to China. The Chinese are the only nation in the world still building steam engines. They've got the coal and they believe steam is not an outmoded form of technology if labor is available.

"I believe in steam. I drive a car but whenever possible I go by train. I think they are sensible when the world is rapidly drinking up all its oil, and there's nothing to compare with steam for nostalgia.

"The steam engine is descredited. The developing nations want to ape the modern world and have diesels — it's become a worldwide fad. But the Chinese are building first-class steam engines and running very heavy trains with them."

In Britain, which pioneered steam pas-senger trains in 1825, steam was phased out in the 1960s. State-run British rail occasionally runs a steamer as a curiosity and sells every seat, and enthusiasts operate 60 preserved railways around the country. It is estimated that about 3 million of Britain's 56 million people are railroad hobbyists, most of them attracted to steam.

Garratt, however, is not interested in museum pieces and that's why he was not visited North America. "No working steam left there," he said.

More interesting to him is the 108-year-old locomotive still at work in India and the model aged 109 in Hungary which he hopes to track down.

Garratt spoke of an "amazing discovery" on the tiny Atlantic island of Sao Miguel in

the Portuguese Azores. He went there in search of a railway hauling stone from a quarry. He found the line disused and the job being done by trucks, but under a pile of debris he discovered what is probably the last relic of the 19th-Century battle of the gauges, a British-built locomotive that ran on a track 7 feet (2.13 meters)

Pioneers George and Robert Stephenson ran their trains on a track 4 feet 81/2 inches (1.43 meters) wide. Their rival built the Great Western Railway from London to Bristol on a 7-foot (2.13 meters) guage, so that the trains carried greater loads with great

No other railroad company emulated the Great Western and at the end of the century its broad guage track was scrapped and trains adopted the Stephenson gauge, which became the British standard.

"I expected to find a 2-foot (0.6 meters) gauge on Sao Miguel but instead there was this fantastic engine," Garratt said. "It must have been sold off cheaply and shipped out there when the island wanted to haul stone to build a harbor. I took pictures of it and there it stays, slowly rotting away.'

Garratt left last week for the Philippines island of Negros.

"Beautiful people and a beautiful island, liberally laced with the most exotic locomotives, all American-built," he said. "I've been there once and I can hardly wait to get back."

New methods for medical diagnosis could save thousands of children

LONDON — Medical tests which provide early diagnosis of diseases in premature babies and children have been introduced by scientists working to combat childhood dis-

Premature babies are being given a better start to life by an instrument developed initially as part of the campaign to detect and combat pollution in water. A scaled-down version of the instrument has been created at University College Hospital in London to perform the same service for the blood of premature babies.

The new device is a tiny tube small enough to be inserted in an artery of a baby weighing under 1.5 kilograms at birth. The importance

levels it provides is that premature babies are highly susceptible to respiratory illnesses and have to have their oxygen supply controlled by mechanical ventilators.

Researchers testing children with brain tumors at the University of Southern California Medical School in Los Angeles, have found a definite link between the disease and their parents' professions.

In the quest to establish the suspected connection between the childhood brain tumors and the hazards of workplace chemicals, the study compared 92 children with brain tumors with a group of healthy children, all from the same neighborhood, as well as their

children with brain tumors had three to 10 times more exposure to chemicals at work than the parents of healthy children.

While the specific agents of disease in the workplace were not identified, the study showed that a large number of the children with brain tumors had parents who worked in the aircraft industry - 10 fathers of diseased children as opposed to none of the fathers of healthy children. The fathers of diseased children had seven times more exposure to paint fumes and three times more exposure to chemical solvents than the fathers in the control group had. The mothers of children with tumors, it was also found, had three times the

_ocomotive return could help Africa

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, (ONS) - Delicate negotiations are going on between Zimbabwean and South African officials for what amounts to the return by Pretoria of 25 locomotives withdrawn from service here in April - a move which has had a critical effect on Zimbabwe's trade performance.

Although relations between the two neighboring countries remain poor, informed sources believe the outlook for the talks is good and that they should result in the original 25 and an additional one locomotive being deployed here.

Already two parts of a complex package have been tied up, as a result of which 16 locomotives will in coming weeks join the railway network that links South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia and which is the main trade route of all three states.

The deployment of an additional 26 locomotives on the line would considerably relieve Zimbabwe's hard-pressed railways.

At present about 130 locomotives are in service at any one time, slightly more than half the number required to keep up with available exports and necessary imports at this time of year.

Recently, 38 days of exports had accumulated at Dabuka rail siding in Gwelo, the country's main railhead. A Rail Priorities Committee meets every two weeks to allocate space for exports in rail carriages on the basis of earning potential.

Some months ago South Africa expressed a willingness through unofficial channels to provide assistance, but that was conditional on Zimbabwe sending a minister to Pretoria "cap in hand" — as a government minister here put it.

That position has now apparently softened, although official sources here are reluctant to say so in as many words for fear that the South Africans will back out of what is understood to be an agreement in principle.

South African rail officials have so far signed to provide six locomotives on loan to

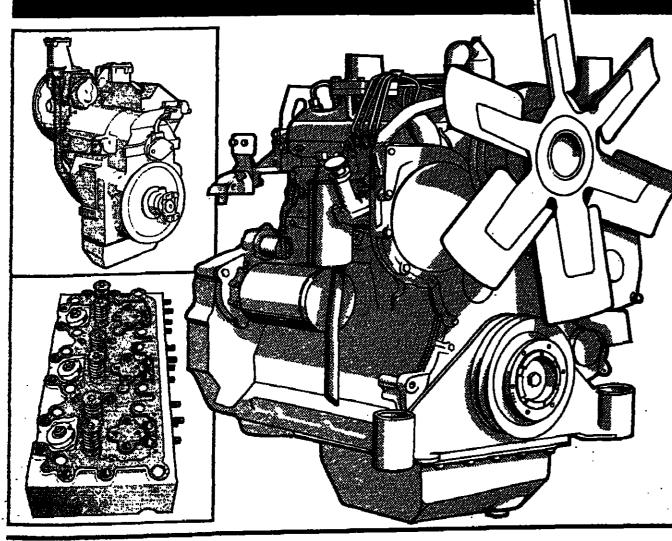
basis of requests by rail authorities in those two countries, although nobody involved in the discussions has been under any illusions about the main beneficiary of the loan.

Top Zimbabwean civil servants have been involved in the discussions which have been going on for some weeks and were interrupted once when - piqued by undiplomatic utterances here - the South Africans broke off negotiations, There is optimism that the remaining ele-

ment in the package, which is understood to involve the loan of 10 locomotives directly to Zimbabwe, will go ahead. The 16 locomotives on loan to Botswana

and Zambia have started to come into service at the rate of two a week. With exports building up at Gwelo for shipment there will be heavy demand for space. Products which have been particularly affected in recent months are steel, coal and sugar and these are likely to be given priority in any increase in

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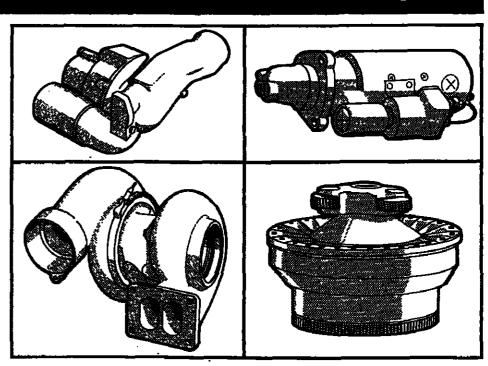
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39 freed from Pretoria prison

Seychelles raiders bailed out

PRETORIA. Dec. 2 (Agencies) — Veteran mercenary Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare and four other men, facing possible death sentences following an attempted coup in the Seychelles, were released on bail Wednesday by a South African court.

The surprise decision by the state prosecutor not to oppose bail was the latest twist in bizarre events which began last week with an attempt to topple Seychelles President Albert Rene. The bid was foiled in a fierce gun-battle at Seychelles international airport, during which an Indian airliner was hijacked from the airstrip to the South African city of Durban.

Col. Hoare, 62, and the four co-accused

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will be in Riyadh

very soon.

stood in the dock of the tiny Pretoria magistrate's court which was packed with spectators and newsmen. No charge was read out, but according to the official documents seen in court the five are charged with kidnapping. South African law lays down no maximum sentence for the offense and legal experts said the five could be sentenced to death if found

In a move that brought immediate protest from opposition politicians, all 39 other alleged mercenaries who surrendered when the hijacked plane landed in Durban were freed from prison Tuesday night.

Irish-born and a former British Army officer, Thomas Michael Bernard Hoare stood impassively with his hands his back until magistrate Cornelius van Lggerenberg asked him if he understood the conditions of his 10,000 rand (\$10,400) bail. Slim, greybearded and wearing a monocle, Hoare answered "Yes sir" and said he could put the money up immediately.

The four others were released on 5,000 rand (\$5,200) bail. All five were ordered to surrender their passports, to report to police once a week and not to communicate with state witnesses. The 10-minute hearing was adjourned until Jan, 7 for further investiga-

Police and legal sources said the five could face further charges apart from kidnapping when the court reconvenes. Some of the 39 released might also face charges later, while others would appear as witnesses.

Tullio Moneta, 42, an Italian born South African, Peter Duffy, 40, a free-lance news photographer with a British passport who has lived in Durban for years, Ken Dalgleish, a 32-year-old Briton, and Charles Goatley, 27, from Zimbabwe, were lined up alongside Hoare. Friends in court said Moneta was a smalltime movie actor.

Meanwhile, Seychelles security forces have captured five mercenaries involved in last week's abortive invasion, and were hunting for three others, President Albert Rene said in Victoria Wednesday.

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Famine feared in N.Uganda

NAIROBL Dec. 2 (AFP) — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has expressed fears over reports of growing food shortages in northern Uganda, which may require resumption of emergency food relief.

In statement here, it cited Dodoth county, at the northern end of Karamoja district, where low yields of grain planted in the spring have left many villages with only a few weeks' food, according to government officials in the area. The August-September harvest, estimated at 2,000 tons, was enough for only 100 days and would run out before the end of the year, the statement said Tuesday.

UNICEF's fears are based on reports by the nutritional surveillance network, which was set up last September by the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and voluntary organizations at feeding centers in Karamoja to give early warning of deteriorating conditions among children.

According to the reports, the statement said, the number of malnourished children appearing for the first time at the feeding centers has begun to rise, a sign that hunger has returned to the population as a

A major famine hit the Karamoja region of Uganda last year, during which thousands of people starved to death

Angola refinery blaze dying down

LISBON, Dec. 2 (R) - A fire at Angola's only oil refinery was dying down Wednesday after the most spectacular act of sabotage in Luanda since the country's independence in 1975. Western diplomats in Luanda, contacted by telephone from Lisbon, said firemen had the blaze at the Belgian-operated refinery under control.

The Angolan government accused South Africa of being responsible for Monday's attack, in which part of the refinery was blown up, and said it had been carried out by a sabotage squad of white mercenaries, some of whom were killed.

South Africa denied any involvement in the attack and in Lisbon, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), which, with South African support, has been fighting Luanda's Marxist regime for the last six years, said the refinery fire was the work of its guerrillas.

The government statement Tuesday said the saboteurs were trying to cut off oil supplies to Angolan troops fighting the South African Army in the south of the country.

BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) - A strong earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter Scale shook the Pacific coast of northern Japan Wednesday, the Meteorological Agency reported. There was no immediate report of damage or casualties but several trains were halted when the tremor occurred at 3:25 p.m. (0625

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) - Firemen battled an enormous blaze in a timber yard in the Johannesburg suburb of Germiston Tuesday night. Eyewitnesses said the outbreak was preceded by a number of explosions, but police ruled out sabotage.

DAKAR, (AFP) - Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua had talks here Tuesday with Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, Prime Minister Habib Thiam and Foreign Minister Mustapha Niazze.

For mid-March mission

Columbia crewmen named

By Jeannette Garrett

Houston Bureau HOUSTON, Dec. 2 — The space shuttle Columbia, which is expected to take off on its seven-day third mission in mid-March 1982. is back at the Kennedy Space Center: Its No. I I fuel cell is being removed before being returned to the manufacturer to determine the cause of the failure which cut short the shuttle's second flight.

In their first news conference since returning from the abbreviated mission astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly Monday not only answered questions about the flight, but ended speculation about who would fly the third Columbia mission.

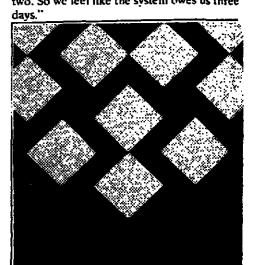
Engle and Truly had been asked when they might fly the spacecraft again, considering there are more than 40 astronauts waiting to fly. "Sooner than they'd like and later than we'd like," Truly responded.

The next two men to fly Columbia will be Jack R. Lousma and C. Gordon Fullerton, both 45. Lousma spent 60 days in space on NASA's third Skylab mission in 1973 and Fullerton was co-pilot of the space shuttle Enterprise during initial testing in 1977. The two joined the STS-2 crew at the end of the conference to accept a gold-painted "key" to the spacecraft.

Originally scheduled to be a 5-day, 84orbit flight, Columbia 's second mission ran into trouble as early as two and a half hours after lift-off on Nov. 12. A fuel cell, used to generate electricity for the craft, failed, cut-

ting short the mission by three days. Admitting that he and Truly were "to a certain degree disappointed", when they not the news they'd have to return early. Engle said, "I think if we made a mistake, it was in naming the mission a minimum mission instead of a maximum accomplishment." As the results of the flight came in. Engle said, he became "more and more proud of what we've accomplished in those two days than I think I

ever realized was possible". As Lousma and Fullerton prepare for what will be Columbia's third flight next year one which may include a space walk - Engle and truly are still looking forward to another flight themselves. "As far as Joe and I are concerned," Truly said, "we wanted to fly five days and we only got to fly a little over two. So we feel like the system owes us three



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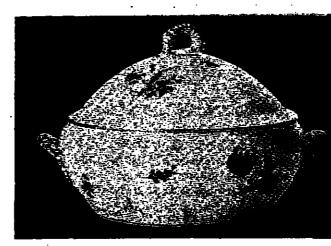
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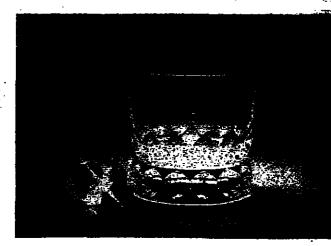
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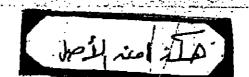
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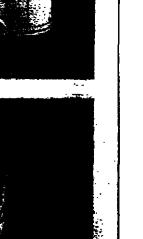
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Schmidt, Honecker to meet in E.Germany

BONN, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and East German Communist Party leader Erich Honecker will meet in East Germany from Dec. 11 to 13, a Bonn government spokesman said Wednesday.

The previously postponed East German-West German summit comes two weeks after Soviet Leonid Brezhnev's November visit to Bonn and prior to Schmidt's Dec. 18 vacation in the United States during which he also plans to meet with President Ronald Reagan.

Schmidt and Honecker were to meet last year, but the talks were called off because of unease over the labor crisis in Poland.

Spokesman Kurt Becker said Honecker invited Schmidt to a government hunting lodge at Lake Werbellic, a sparsely populated area just north of Berlin.

The chancellor will be accompanied by Egon Franke, his minister for all-German affairs, and by Otto Lambsdorff, minister of economics, Becker said. During their threeday visit. Becker said Schmidt also plans a visit to the nearby town of Guestrow where be hopes to get a chance of meeting with East

As Becker announced the forthcoming meeting in Bonn, the official East Berlin news agency ADN ran one paragraph, reading: "At the invitation of the secretarygeneral of the central committee of the SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) and chairman of the state council of the GDR (German Democratic Republic), Erich Honecker, the federal chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Helmut Schmidt, arrives Dec. 11, 1981, for a visit to the German Democratic Republic."

The meeting will be the first of its kind since Chancellor Willy Brandt and East German Prime Minister Willi Stoph met twice in 1970 in the early days of East-West detente.

The 1970 meetings between Brandt and Stoph led to normalized relations between the two states after a generation of postwar hostility. The East German official Communist daily Neues Deutschland said of that meeting that it was a sign of realism and constructive politics that representatives of states of different political systems could discuss interantional problems together.

V viewing costs more

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) - Britons pay more for their year's television viewing starting Wednesday. Home Secretary William Whitelaw told the House of Commons Tuesday he is raising the state license fee, which funds television and radio services of the British Broadcasting Corp., for the nation's 18.6 million people with TV receivers.

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The new charges are 46 pounds (\$87.40) annually for color receivers — up 12 pounds (\$22.80) and 15 pounds (\$28.50) for black and white - up 3 pounds (\$5.70). Whitelaw said the new rates will run at least three years.

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Elderly Americans angered

Report on N-war survival

federally financed report on surviving a nuc-lear war dropped like a bomb on an American "senior citizens" conference being held here this week, and the fallout was still heating the atmosphere Tuesday.

One of the report's suggestions was that elderly survivors, rather than young people, would emerge first from shelters to carry out priority tasks involving dangerously high radiation levels.

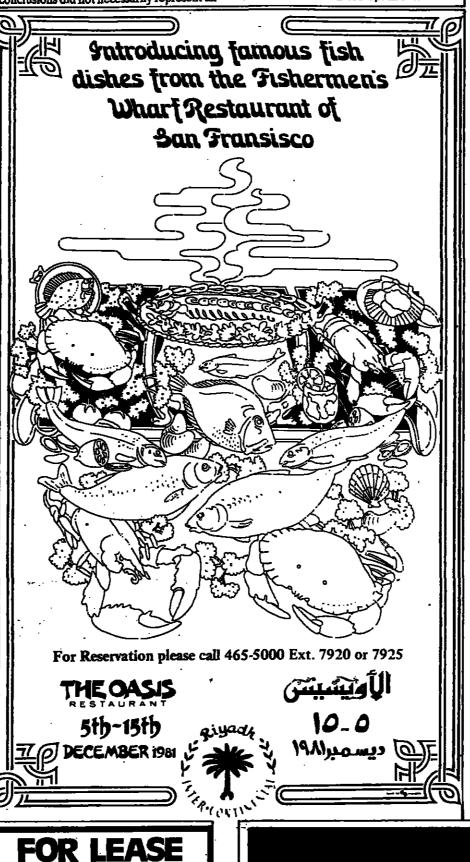
"Absolutely revolting, genocidal," stormed Maggie Kuhn, leader of the Gray Panthers, a major movement representing the aged in the United States. She addressed a news conference Tuesday after release of the report by two Oak Ridge National Laboratory scientists, whose project was financed by the federal Department of Energy.

The authors, interviewed later, said their conclusions did not necessarily represent an not suggesting that old people should be sacrificed to protect the young. They said their study showed that malignant growths developed more slowly after the age of 40 and that they were talking about "how to lower cancer deaths after a nuclear war."

'We want to keep everybody's exposure (to radiation) as low as possible, and are not suggesting that older people be sent out to take all the radiation doses," the scientists protested.

Anti-nuclear representatives at the Gray Panthers' news conference said that what they found most objectionable in the report was official thinking along the line that the United States could win and survive a nuclear war.

Narjun Makhijani of the National Hiroshima-Nagasaki Committee said the official view was far too optimistic.



Move against B-1 rejected

administration has scored a preliminary victory in its fight for the B-1 bomber as the Senate rejected a move by opponents to divert \$220 million from funds for the plane to build flying tankers.

By a margin of 55-38, the lawmakers Tuesday turned down an amendment by Sen. Carl Levin, Democrat-Michigan, to add \$220 million for four additional KC-10 tankers to a \$208.5 billion military spending bill.

"This is the beginning now of the B-1 battle," said Sen. Ted Stevens, Republican-Alaska, chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Levin, although saying, "this has got nothing to do with a B-1 vote," told the Senate he would offer a series of similar additions to the budget and then follow up with an amendment to cut a similar amount from appropriations for the longrange bomber.

Senate approval of the bill is expected Wednesday, sending it to a conference committee to work out differences with a House of Representatives version that is \$11.1 bil-

By a 51-29 margin Monday, the Senate approved \$91 million to begin reactivating the USS Iowa, a World War II battleship that was retired in 1858. The teak-decked ship is now moth-balled at the Philadelphia Navy

The bill includes roughly \$471 million for B-1 bombers and \$2 billion for building MX missiles and reinforcing existing missile silos

The House already has approved \$88 million for the Iowa, so the Senate action apparently clears the way for approval of the battleship's reactivation by House-Senate conferees who will write the final bill. Both bills also contain \$237 million for work on another retired battleship, the USS New

Boy, 2, receives kidney

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 2 (AFP) - A two-year-old boy has become probably the youngest kidney transplant patient in the world. Shaun Grobbelaar, who shortly after he was born was given only a few months to live, received a kidney from his mother Louise in an operation at the Johannesburg hospital on Nov. 23.

Mrs Grobbelaar, who was discharged from the hospital Saturday, said Wednesday that her son was still receiving large doses of cortisone and other drugs but his appetite had improved noticeably.





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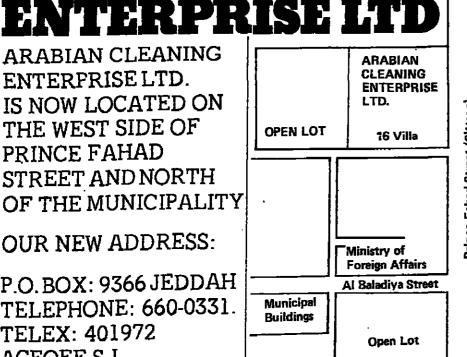
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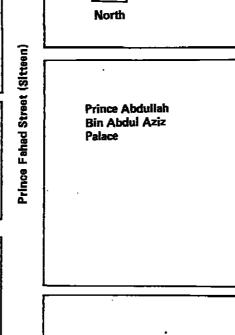
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Santa shareholders OK Kuwait takeover

- Shareholders of Santa Fe International Corp. overwhelmingly approved the \$\$2.5billion acquisition of their company Tuesday by Kuwait Petroleum Corp.

About 98 percent of the 35.7 million shares voted were east in favor of the acquisition, Santa Fe Senior Vice President James Ukropina told an overflow crowd of more than 300 shareholders during a special meeting at the company's headquarters.

Santa Fe. a major supplier of drilling equipment which also has oil reserves in the United States and the North Sea, has 49 million shares outstanding. About 73 percent of the outstanding shares were voted.

The deal has come under fire from a number of quarters, including U.S. congressional critics who fear it poses a threat to

Botswana plans railway across desert

GABORONE, Dec. 2 (AFP) - Botswana is to build a railway line across the Kalahari desert in a project taking ten years and costing about \$10 billion, President Quett Masire

The line across the arid and inhospitable desert will give landlocked Botswana access to Zimbabwe, Zambia, Zaire and the port of Walvis Bay in Namibia.

Experts said the project was one of the largest and most difficult ever undertaken in Africa, and inflation threatened to push the cost well above present estimates.

Masire said there were plans to ask international institutions such as the World Bank to accumulate the necessary capital and try to form a consortium.

The president said Botswana needed an opening to the Atlantic to diversify its access to foreign ports and develop its central regions. The regions, which the line will cross, are very rich in coal, and the international oil company Shell already has mining rights

Masire said the future status of Walis Bay, which South Africa want to retain after Namibian independence, was not an issue.

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ign investors reaped unfair stock profits through advance knowledge of the offer. No officer of Santa Fe has been accused of

The acquisition was defended by Santa Fe Chairman E. L. Hannon, who said it would bring needed capital into the American economy. Shannon also disclosed that Kuwait Petroleum plans to spend \$1 billion on oil and gas exploration within the U.S.

One shareholder asked Shannon if the \$51 - a - share offer by Kuwait Petroleum was the best deal the company could have made in light of other oil company merger taking place in recent months. Santa Fe's stock has doubled since the Kuwait offer and the question provoked widespread laughter. Shannon, after waiting for the laughter to subside,

Shannon said Santa Fe and Kuwait Petroleum have provided the Justice Department with all requested material relating to merger and have asked for an early termination of the 20-day period which the agency has to review the documents. If the request is granted, the merger could be completed as early as Friday, he said.

Ukropina also responded to allegations that the merger posed a threat to national security because of foreign ownership of a Santa Fe subsidiary, C.F. Braun, Inc., which has a contract involving a nuclear research site. He noted that the Department of Energy has jurisdiction over the nuclear project and said Santa Fe has agreed to set up a "satisfactory shield" between the new owners of the company and the C.F. Braun project, which he said involved only the design of buildings at the Hanford, Washington, site and not nuclear weapons research.

N. Zealand deficit rises

WELLINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) - New Zealand had a balance of payments deficit of New Zealand \$950 million in the year ended Oct. 31, compared with a deficit of New Zealand \$15 million in 1980 and a deficit New Zealand \$550 million in the year ended 1979, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand announced Tuesday. The bank comments that export receipts in the October year increased by 14 percent while import payments rose by 19

U.S. Steel defers action on'dumping'

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2 (AFP) - The top steelmaking group in this country, U.S. Steel, has decided to wait a while before lodging formal complaints against foreign steel producers, group executives said here.

The delay stemmed from a request by federal authorities who wish first to discuss imports with U.S. Steel this week, they said. The group affirms that some European and other foreign producers are exporting to the United States with the help of subsidies or at 'dumping' prices.

On Nov. 23 the Department of Commerce took action against certain European producers. Some industry observers believed the department was trying to head off some of the pressure for the American steel industry for restrictions on steel arrivals in the United

These observers belived that, if American manufcturers lodged "an avalanche" of complaints, the Commerce Department may decide to suspend the trigger price mechan-ism under which threshold prices are applied to imported steel. It did this last year under similar circumstances.

U.S. Steel Corporation recently made a takeover bid for Marathon Oil worth \$6.3 billion. Marathon is the number 17 oil company in the United States. In the light of the high bid figure, some commentators have suggested that U.S. Steel cannot be suffering too badly from the foreign steel inflow.

Italy acts towoo back tourists

RIMINI, Dec. 2 (AP) - In an effort to win back West German and other foreign tourists, hotel owners in this Adriatic Sea resort are offering free insurance to protect vacationers against muggers and pickpockets.

The policies will provide up to \$400 above existing insurance for thefts inside the hotels. We want tourists to feel safe and guaranteed inside and outside our hotels," said Guido Desio, chairman of the Hotel Association of Rimini, a popular resort which housed 700,000 vacationers from June through August this year.

Italy suffered a severe slump in foreign tourists, especially West Germans, last summer as a result of rising prices and fears triggered by terrorism and crime.

Cash squeeze hits industry

U.S. car output nosedives

DETROIT, Dec. 2 (R) - The big three U.S. car makers reported that production dropped sharply in November.

General Motors said Tuesday its November output declined from 333,491 cars a year ago to 288,698 this year. Ford said output fell from 124,406 to 70,764 and Chrysler reported a drop from 71,404 to

A U.S. Commerce Department report said earlier that the makers were caught in a severe cash flow squeeze which would probably not ease until late next year. The report said the big three plus American Motors had only \$300 million in working capital as of Oct. 1, compared with \$13 billion at the end of 1978.

The report submitted to a Senate Finance Subcommittee hearing into Japanese car imports was expected to provoke more demands for protection for the domestic industry. The department said it would be difficult for the domestic industry to ever again reach the high profit and sales of past

It pointed to preference for imported small cars and reduced overall demand owing to high interest rates and current U.S. economic recession as reasons for the pessimistic outlook. The report submitted to the Senate did not break down the cash flow figures by com-

The chairman of the Senate Subcommittee, John Danforth, forecast an overall trade deficit of more than \$40 billion this year, up from \$36 billion last year, with Japan accounting for \$15 billion of the total.

Under intense administration pressure, Japan announced in May it was voluntarily restraining car exports to the United States to 1.68 million cars this year — an expected 16.8 percent penetration of the U.S. market

But deputy U.S. Trade Representative David MacDonald told the Senators that even with restraints the Japanese could capture 19.3 percent of the American market this year. The Commerce Department's latest forecast for 1982 sales — 9 to 9.5 million cars is clouded by uncertainty over the duration of the recession.

Imports, according to the government, are expected to account for 2.3 million to 2.4 million cars of that total. The department said the "severe cash flow pressures" facing the American car industry would ease when the U.S recovered from the economic slump, but the future was still not rosy.

E. German industry faces fuel cuts

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 2, (R) - East German industry faces cuts in fuel supplies next year, possibly because of reduced deliveries from the Soviet Union, informed sources have said:

The East German sources said industry is already under strict instructions to conserve as much fuel as possible but could have to cope with cuts of up to 40 percent in fuel supplies to sectors considered non-essential. These would be sectors that do not produce goods exportable for hard currency.

Diplomats said they had heard reports in diplomatic circles that the Soviet Union intended to cut its oil supplies to East Germany by more than 10 percent in 1982.

Soviet oil supplies to East Germany increased every year until 1980 when it was announced they would be frozen at 19 million tons for the next five years.

The supply freeze suggested at the time to Western oil company executives that a rise in oil output by the Soviet Union, the world's

biggest producer, was leveling off.

The diplomatic sources had no explanation

for a possible reduction in Soviet deliveries except that the Soviet Union might want to export more oil outside the Socialist group of countries to earn more hard currency. Oil is a major Soviet hard currency earner but the Russians have recently had to trim some prices in line with world trends, Western oil sources in London said. They added that Moscow hoped that gas exports to the West would assume a bigger role in the later 1980s.

East German party leader Erich Honecker told the Communist Party central committee last month that the politburo had decided that as much as possible should be done to substitute domestic energy for imported oil

He said use of domestic brown coal was rising but it was important to cut oil use, while also meeting essential needs such as the transport of schoolchildren. East Germany's economy grew by 4.2 percent in 1980, one of the best performances in Europe, but West Germany's Institute for Economic Research forecast in January that the East Germans could face fuel problems.

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Kabul trade surplus hits \$94 m mark

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2 (R) - Afghanistan increased its exports and had a trade surplus in the first half of its current fiscal year. despite undiminished armed opposition to the Soviet-backed government from Muslim fighters, diplomatic sources said here Wed-

The freedom fighters frequently attack highways and disrupt goods traffic following the Soviet intervention two years ago.

The sources said that according to a halfyearly report on the economy published by the government, exports rose to \$320.6 million in the first half of the fiscal year that began last March 21, against \$272.3 million in the same period, last year. Imports totaled \$226.4 million giving a trade surplus of \$94.2 million.

The report said exports and imports would have been higher had it not been for transport difficulties - an indirect admission that the security situation was affecting trade. It also confirmed that the Soviet Union was paying a higher price for imported natural gas from Afghanistan. In the first quarter of the fiscal year, Afghanistan's gas exports to the Soviet Union were up 43 percent in value over last

Tough EEC stand on textiles urged

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AFP) - The European Economic Community (EEC) should harden its negotiating stance for renewing the multifiber arrangement (MFA), Britain's Textile Industry Confederation said Wed-

"The community's position at present falls far short of the British government's declared aim of a tough and effective successor to the MFA," it noted

Unless the government fought for a tougher EEC mandate at the EEC ministerial meeting in Brussels on Dec. 7 and 8, there would be "very serious consequences" for the British textile sector and the economy as a

Most EEC import quotas were too high. If the new MFA quotas are based on existing quotas, instead of the figures for 1980, imports could soar between now and 1986, the confederation said.

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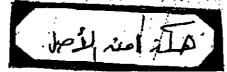
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not so optimistic, pointing out the rapid dol-

lar falls that occurred on Monday and which

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nervousness about the American currency.

, On the European exchanges, the British

pound fell back from 1.9580 levels to trade

at 1.9470 Wednesday. At one stage, sterl-

ing touched 1.9300 before some Bank of

England support pushed the rate up again.

The German mark came under renewed

interest rate cut speculation and the mark

was quoted at 2.2290 Wednesday after it

had touched the 2.2010 levels Monday.

Even the Japanese yen was not immune

from the dollar's recovery, with the yen

quoted at 216.00 in London, after it had

seemed to be heading toward the 210.00

level earlier in the week. In other currency

news, the French franc fell back to 5.6300

levels, while the Swiss franc traded at

In the local markets, spot riyal/dollar

rates went up with the dollar's European

strengthening to trade at 3.4200-10 com-

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Dealers said that some activity took place at

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Units. This is to be expected as some institu-

tions partly built back than dollar positions

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the dollar weakened. On the money mar-

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The Panamanian document asserted that

the United States was creaming off toll

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declared that violations of the treaty by the

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urity of the region and could lead to paralysis

funds for the canal's operation.

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models under study

S. sets air fleet cost at \$25b

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) - The Pentagon estimated Tuesday it could cost between \$25 billion and \$28 billion to build, operate and maintain a fleet of new transport planes to carry heavy weapons to distant places like the Arabian Gulf.

The estimate was produced after Dr. Richard Delauer, the Pentagon's research chief, told reporters the U.S. Air Force is evaluating three possible aircraft - the Lockheed C-5 military transport, the Boeing 747 and a proposed new C-17 - to determine which would be most acceptable from a military utility and cost standpoint.

Delauer said the proposed C-17, formerly called the CX, "looks like the only one" that will meet all military requirements, but that the others would cost less. Therefore, Delauer said, the question that has to be

decided by top Pentagon officials is whether the lower cost to buy either a military version of the Boeing 747 or reopening the C-5 production line is enough to justify their lesser military capability when compared with the C-17..

He declined to discuss the specific cost estimates for building 50 to 100 new transport planes. However, in response to questions placed by newsmen, the Pentagon came up with the \$25 billion to \$28 billion estimate, which covers not only the production of the new transport planes but their operation and maintenance over a 20-year 'life cycle."

According to Delauer, the C-17, which is favored by the air force at the other military services, meets all military requirements, while the C-5 "does not meet some of them" and the C-47 "meets somewhat less" of the

cost, it's just the other way around," Delauer

The air force last August announced that it had chosen McDonnell Douglas Corp. to develop the C-17, but did not commit itself ultimately to building the new plane.

Delauer noted that this left open the option of buying more C-53 or military versions of the Boeing 747. The last of the current fleet of 77 C-5s, biggest transport planes in the world, were delivered to the air force in 1973. It was found that the wings needed strengthening and that program, now under way, is expected to cost about \$1.4 billion for the present force of 77 C-5s.

Delauer did not rule out the possibility that the Pentagon may still approve a mix of different types of planes. He said a decision

could be reached in about two weeks. omania may avert Polish-type crisis

BUCHAREST, Dec. 2 (R) - Romania may be able to avoid a Poland-style crisis over its Western debt repayments this year but only at the price of continued difficulties through the first half of 1982, Western economic experts here say.

Romanian officials have been asking

Western banks to accept six-month delays in repayment of \$2.47 billion in short-term loans due by Dec. 31, the diplomats and businessmen told Reuters.

Trading companies have also been pressing their Western partners to wait six months for settlement of contracts, they added. The moves appeared to be aimed at avoiding default or delayed repayments on Romania's medium-term loans, which Bucharest is meeting promptly, the sources said. Romania has borrowed heavily from the

BL plant strike takes new turn
BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 2 (R) — Lotty

drivers Tuesday cut off vital supplies to British Leyland's (BL) biggest car plant by refusing to cross picket lines of striking workers besieging the factory.

"Nobody will cross the picket lines. There will be no oil, no steel, no nuts or bolts going in. I am sure it will very quickly come to a standstill," said a spokesman for the local lorry drivers' union.

A three-week-old dispute over rest breaks has halted car production at the ailing state-owned company's Longbridge plant in this Midlands city, laying off 6,000 workers and costing BL 70 million sterling (\$130 million). The dispute is over management's decision to cut daily rest breaks by 11 minutes from 51 to 40 minutes.

A BL spokesman said 5,000 car assembly workers, apparently unwilling to cross picket lines, Tuesday failed to turn up for work but 3,000 other employees building engines were working normally.

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West to industrialize its economy, but soaring oil prices and world recession have seriously hit its plans for growth. At the same time the relatively-neglected agricultural sector has declined, leading to the worst food shortages

in more than 30 years. Poland was forced to seek delayed repayments of part of its Western debt this year on a step which heightened the bankers' concern about lending to other East European coun-

It is not yet clear whether Bucharest has succeeded in repaying or delaying payment of all its commercial debts due this year, the sources said. But their informal surveys of banks and companies, which have accepted a delay, showed renewed payments pressures building up on Romania by March or April.

by Western sources at \$10 billion. About half of this is owed to commercial lenders and the rest is subsidized credit from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Western bankers say the IMF connection and the smooth spread of Bucharest's overall debt repayments put Romania in a better long-term financial position than Poland which has Western debts of more than \$25

The diplomats said the Romanian Foreign Trade Bank has asked Western lenders to accept a six-month delay on a case-to-case basis and not in the name of Romania itself. So official statements that Bucharest has not sought to reschedule its debts are strictly speaking true, the diplomats said.

Romanian officials declined to be inter-Moi opens \$11

MASINGA, Kenya, Dec. 2 (AFP) Kenya Wednesday opened a major hydroelectric dam, built with West European aid and designed to avert further crises like the crippling power cuts of 1980.

President Daniel Arap Moi pulled a switch to start up the power station at Masinga dam, on the Tana River 160 kms (100 miles) northeast of Nairobi.

The whirling pair of turbines will produce 40 megawatts altogether — an addition of about 10 percent to Kenya's national grid. But the dam has an even more important function: To store water that can be released during the regular dry seasons or unexpected drought to keep the already-available 280 megawatts of electricity coming from three more hydro dams downstream.

It was drought which, early in 1980, shrivelled the Tana, slowed production from the dams and forced Kenya to ration electricity. For about three months, homes were without power for most of the day, and industries ran at half capacity.

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Now, Kenyan officials say, the Tana power stations will be able to run at full speed for nine months without any rain at all - an unlikely eventually even in the severest drought. The reservoir can hold more than 1,560 million cubic meters.

In his address to several thousand people gathered for the inauguration, Moi expressed gratitude to the external donors: The European Economic Community, West Germany and Britain. They put up, in loans and grants, \$90 million of \$110 million the dam and power station cost to build. Kenya furnished

Foreign contractors on the project came from West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Italy and France. Moi noted also that Kenya would be asking for overseas assistance in two future hydroelectric schemes a project on the Turkwell River in northwestern Kenya and another dam on the Tana at Kiambere. The Kiambere station is to produce 140 megawatts.

Apart from hydropower, Kenya gets electricity from a geothermal project at Olkaria in the Rift Valley and from oil-burning plants at Nairobi and Mombasa. Moi stressed that besides power generation. "We can now supply more water to many more people in the rural areas as well as allow more water to flow into Nairobi and some other urban areas," he said. "Moreover, we now have a potential of over 100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) for irrigation downstream from this dam."

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP) - Stock prices opened mixed Wednesday as investors continued to evaluate whether the U.S. recession could worsen.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, which reached its best level in three months Tuesday, fell 2.38 to 887.84 in the first half hour. Declines held a 4 to 3 edge over advances on the New York stock exchange

Mitterrand, Benjedid end gas deadlock

PARIS, Dec. 2 (AP) - After more than a year of negotiations, France and Algeria have reached a tentative agreement on the price Algeria will charge for its liquified natural gas, the French government announced Wednesday.

Pierre Beregovoy, President Francois Mitterrand's chief of staff, said the accord was reached between Mitterrand and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Mitterrand ended a two-day official state visit to Algeria Tuesday night after holding an unscheduled, one-hour meeting with Benjedid to discuss the natural gas situation.

The accord was seen as a major success of Mitterrand's visit, which was only the second time a French president had visited Algeria since it won its independence in 1962 after an eight-year bitter war with France.

Prior to Mitterrand's trip, the liquified natural gas negotiations had been deadlocked on Algeria's insistence on aligning the price of its gas to that of crude oil. France relies on Algeria for about 15 percent of its

Beregovoy said Mitterrand and Benjedid have directed their respective foreign ministers to put the final touches on the tentative agreement. Bergovoy said a final accord should be reached in one month.

The Elysee Palace official said it was impossible to disclose details of the tentative accord at this stage, adding that if any obstacles are encountered they will be handled directly by the two presidents.

Egypt ups price of petrol 20 %

CAIRO, Dec. 2, (R) - Prices of petrol, butane gas, kerosene and other oil products for private industry in Egypt have been increased by 20 percent, the Egyptian oil

ministry said Wednesday.

A ministry official said the increases marked the beginning of a campaign to phase out subsidies on oil products and bring prices into line with international rates.

He said prices would be raised by 20 percent each year until 1985. The total consumption of oil products in Egypt was 13 million tonnes last year and expected to rise to 18.5 million tonnes by the end of 1982.

Oil Minister Ahmed Ezzeddin Hilal recently said the government was considering raising petrol pump prices. He said subsidies on oil products cost Egypt \$3.3 billion peryear. Petrol pump prices are presently only 13 plastres (about \$0.15) per liter, far below world prices. Egypt produces some 700,000 barrels of oil a day but only about a third is available for export.

LONDON (AFP) - The British govern-

ment is considering easier rules on truck

weights early next year to allow 40 ton vehi-

instead of the maximum 32.5 tons as at pres-

ent, Transport Secretary David Howell told

parliament. The heavier trucks will need to

management, of Palma de Mallorca, Spain,

has taken over management of one of Malta's

largest deluxe hotels, the 328-bed Grand

Hotel, the company that owns the hotel

announced Tuesday. The hotel was built in

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The R.M.I.

Corporation announced plans for a \$20 mil-

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completed by the end of next year. In an

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the 11 % percent levels of Tuesday for the were still quoted at 3 — 4 percent, but more same tenor. Longer-dated dollar funds conactivity took place than reported Tuesday. tinued of stabilize and even rise and money The year-fixed deposit rate was quoted at markets expectations were that dollar 11 1/2 — 12 percent, while the one-year rate interest rates would soon see the end of was dealt at $5 \frac{1}{2} - 6 \frac{1}{2}$.

Panama raps U.S. on canal issue

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Dollar chalks up more gains

PANAMA, Dec. 2 (AFP) — A resolution by the Panamanian government denouncing violations of the Panama Canal Treaty and calling on the United States to respect its terms, was approved here Tuesday by 23 countries at the first consultative meeting of the Latin American Economic System (LAES).

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — The revival of the

American currency continued Wednesday

with major gains registered against the

other European currencies, including the

ven which had seemed impregnable during

Dollar interest rates also recovered to

take the one-year deposit level safely over

the 135/16 - 137/16 percent levels after it

had touched below the 13 percent Tuesday.

The market barely noticed more prime rate

lending cut moves by American commercial

banks, and instead noted that the Federal

Reserve Bank of New York had raised its

'Fed" Funds rate to 12 % — 13 percent

On the bullion markets, gold and silver

levels from previous 12 ½ percent levels.

continued to waver, with gold prices closing

at \$406 in New York but remaining weak

Wednesday. In the local markets, some

activity was reported on the local exchanges

which took spot riyal/dollar rates from

opening levels of 3.4195-05 to 3.4200-10

by close of business. Riyal deposit rates con-

tinued to remain firm for most of Wednes-

day, but with riyal activity still concentrated

With Eurodollar interest rates on the rise

again, albeit on a small scale, the dollar

picked up on the European exchange mar-

kets Wednesday after a strong closing in

New York the night before. One-month

Eurodollar rates closed at 12 5/16 - 12

7/16 percent Wednesday, far higher than

in the short end of the market.

the past week.

The resolution declared that the United States must urgently carry out investments needed to ensure that the canal was operated efficiently until the end of the century, when the canal is transfered to Panama. The document also expressed unanimous concern over an announced toll rate increase for the Panama Canal.

Panama affirmed in the resolution that, under the treaty, the U.S. had to contribute financially toward keeping the canal in good operating condition, so that traffic flow remained smooth. Panama criticized changes by the U.S. in the structure of the Panama Canal Authority. The changes meant that the

ROME (AFP) - The U.N. World Food

Program announced Wednesday \$2.5 million

grant in food aid to Tanzania which is facing

WFP said the aid will consist of 10,000 tons of

maize which will help to feed 210,000 per-

sons in the most affected areas for 120 days.

FINDLAY (AP) - Deutsche Marathon

Petroleum, a wholly owned subsidiary of

Marathon Oil Co., announced Tuesday it has

abandoned an exploratory well drilled in the

North Sea's German sector. The "J-11-1"

well, drilled to a depth of 17,924 in some 90

feet of water failed to counter any significant

said it will to take over the Hertz car rental

operation in Sweden early next year. It will

still use the name Hertz, whose computerized

international reservations network will con-

tinue to be used. The deal, whose cost was

withheld, means that Volvo's Swdish rental

hydrocarbons, a Marathon statement said.

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London commodities Closing Prices

	CHOOSE TIMES	
	Wednesday	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	410.00	403.75
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	419.75	413.50
3 months	433.75	427.50
Copper cash	881.75	855.50
3 months	896.25	869.75
Tin cash	8355.00	8390.00
3 months	8117.50	8315.00
Lead cash	341.50	335.75
3 months	351.25	344.75
Zinc cash	428.50	425.00
3 months	437.50	433.35
Aluminium cash	580.00	561.25
3 months	600.50	583.75
Nickel cash	2757.50	2745.00
3 months	2757.50	2755.00
Sugar January	162.00	165.50
March	164.85	168.70
Coffee January	1107.00	1065.00
March	1087-00	1063.00
Cocoa December	1120-00	1098.00
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Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908

Foreign Exchange Rates Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar		9.08	9.08
Bangladeshi Taka		_	14.90
Belgian Franc (1,000)		_	_
Canadian Dollar		_	291.00
Deutche Mark (100)		153.75	153.60
Dutch Guilder (100)		140.50	140.30
Egyptian Pound		3.68	4.13
Emirates Dirham (100)		93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)		61.00	60.75
Greek Drachma (1,000)		54.00	61.10
Indian Rupee (100)		_	37.35
Iranian Rival (100)		_	
Iraqi Dinar		_	_
Italian Lira (10,000)		28.80	28.70
Japanese Yen (I,000)		_	15.85
Jordanian Dinar		10.15	10.11
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.21	12.21
Lebanese Lira (100)		74.30	74.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	ı	60.50	64.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)		_	34.80
Philippines Peso (100)		_	42.50
Pound Sterling		6.71	6.67
Qatari Riyal (100)		94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)			166.85
Spanish Peseta (1,000)			35.81
Swiss Franc (100)		191.50	191.20
Syrian Lira (100)		58,80	63.75
Turkish Lira (1,000)			
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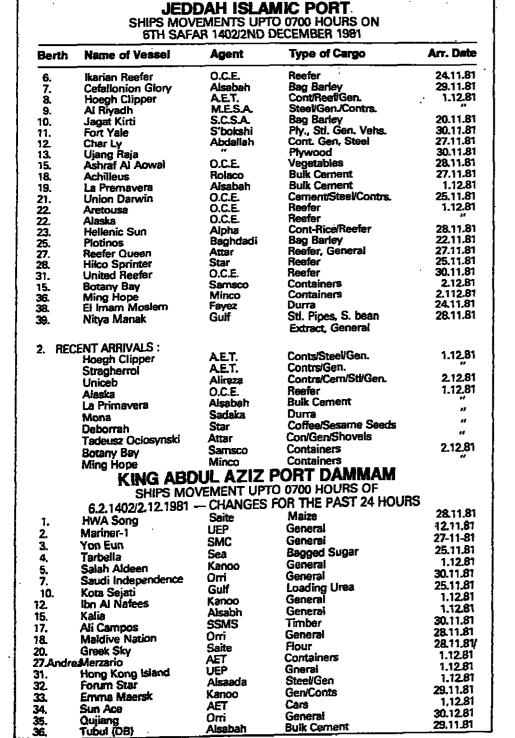
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Abdul-Jabbar going great guns

NEW YORK Dec. 2 (AP) - Kareem Abdul-Jabhar has moved within one notch of becoming the National Basketball Association's all-time leading scorer, and the Utah Jazz has come close to carving its own nich the record book.

Abdul-Jabbar scored 14 points Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Jazz 117-86, but it was his basket in the first quarter that earned him a standing ovation from the 11,384 fans at the forum. The lefthanded hook gave him seven points for the game and 26,711 points in his career, one more than Oscar Robertson. Wilt Chamberlain is the all-time leader with 31,419.

After Abdul-Jabbar's heroics, the Jazz seemed star-struck, scoring five points in the second quarter as the Lakers took a 59-35 halftime lead. Although NBA records for futility are incomplete, it was believed to be the second-lowest scoring performance by team since the NBA's 24-second shot clock rule started in 1954.

The Buffalo Sabres scored four points in a quarter of a game against Milwaukee in 1972. In other NBA games Tuesday night, it was New York 112, Detroit 100. Philadelphia 107, Atlanta 98. Indiana 90, Boston 87, San Antoneo 110, Washington 99, Milwaukee 126, Cleveland 110, Kansas City 106, Houston 104, Portland 121, Denver 113, Phoenix 117, San Diego 94, Seattle 103 and Chicago

"It's a relief now that it's all over (passing Robertson)," said Abdul-Jabbar. "I personally haven't put a lot of Emphasis on becoming the No. 2 scorer, but it's an honor and Γm very pleased. I'm more concerned with making the Lakers No. 1 not me No. 1"

The 7-foot-2 center said he wouldn't "Stick around just to try to top Wilt's record. I'm very fortunate to have the kind of career I've had, with so may highlights. This is

Clemson takes top spot in College Football

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (Agencies) - Clemson University, one victory away from its first National Championship and a perfect season, Tuesday was named the No. 1 college football team by a board of coaches.

The Tigers, undefeated and Orange Bowl-bound, own the longest winning streak among major colleges at 12 games and are the seventh team this year to earn the top

Clemson, which meets Nebraska in the Orange Bowl on New year's night, totaled 621 points and received 36 of the 42 firstplace votes cast by the coaches - six from each of seven geographical sections of the

Pittsburgh, which held the No. 1 spot longer than any other team this season, took the biggest dip in this week's ratings after Penn State handed the Panthers their first loss of the year, 48-14. Pittsburgh, set to meet Georgia in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's night, dropped to the No. 8 ranking after being No. 1 for four weeks.

Georgia, the defending national champion, moved into the No. 2 spot with 572 points and one first-place vote. The Bulldogs, 9-1, play Georgia Tech on Saturday. Alabama, fresh from a 28-17 triumph over Auburn that gave coach Bear Bryant his record 315th victory, inched up to No. 3 (four first-page votes and 533 points) followed by No. 4 Nebraska and No. 5 Texas. Alabama. 9-1-1, meets Texas, 9-1-1, in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Rounding out the top 10 are No. 6 Penn State (one first-place vote), No. 7 Southern California, No. 8 Pittsburgh, No. 9 North Carolina and No. 10 Washington. Penn State, 9-2, meets Southern California, 9-2, in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

Pak Saudi's Anwar receives 2 awards

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — Pak Saudi's Shahbaz Anwar was the recipient of two awards best batting and best wicketkeeper — from Sheikh Zainal Alireza, who presided over the prize-distribution function of the 1981 Ali reza League and Yellow Rose Six-A-Side cricket tournaments at the Alireza Center last week.

While Red Sea dethroned holders Shalimar, who finished runners-up, for the Alireza League title, the Yellow Rose Six-A-Side tournament was won by hosts Yellow Rose. The Indian Embassy finished second.

Sheikh Zainal Alireza and Mr. Hall addressed the large gathering of cricketers before the awards were presented and spoke in general about the sport. They emphasized the impetus gained by the sport in the King-

Shahid Amin also spoke on the occasion and elaborated the arrangements made for the forthcoming scason.

The following are the award winners for the Alireza League: Winners: Red Sea: runners-up: Shalimar; best batsmen: Shahbaz Anwat (Pak Saudi - 550 runs) and Zahid Ali Khan (Red Sea - avg. 149):best batting: Nasser Azam (Ind. Emb. — 131 runs); bestbowlers: Nadim Malik (Red Sea - 35 for 306) and Gulraiz (Hochtief - 39 for 461); best bowling: Maqsood (Ind. Emb. - 8 for 36); best all-rounder: Pervez Shah (Red Sea); best all round: Asim Shah (Sikander -123 and 4 for 50); best wicketkeeper: Shahbaz Anwar (Pak Saudi - 20 victims); hat-tricks: Khalil Qazi (Red Sea) and Zahid Ahmed (N.A.I.).

Award winners for the Yellow Rose Six-A-Side tournament: Winners: Yellow Rose; runners-up: Indian Embassy, best batsman: Khalid Nusrat (Yellow Rose); best batting: Pervez Ansari (1395); best bowler: Shaukak (Shalimar).

He said he "faintly disapproves of individual statistics and stopping the game like they did Tuesday night because basketball is a team game. However, I guess the public judges players on their statistics."

Robertson, who came on the court to congratulate Abdul-Jabbar on his record, said he" is the best center ever and a much better passer than people give him credit for. Despite his size, he's really a finesse player. You have to play a lot of games to get this kind of a record, and that gets back to Kareem's durability."

Magic Johnson led a balanced Los Angeles scoring attack with 19 points, while Jamaal Wilfs added 18 and Mitch Kupchak 17.

76ers 107, Hawks 98: Julius Erving led a second-half surge as Philadelpia avenged its only loss of the season by beating Atlanta. Erving scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, including 11 in the third quarter when the 76ers took the lead for good and scored their tenth straight victory.

Pacers 90, Celtics 87: Boston lost for only the third time in 16 games as Indiana's Johnny Davis scored 15 of his game-high 21 points in the second half, including six in a

row late in the game. Davis tied the game for the 14th and final time at 82-82 with about five minutes left, sank a layup to give the Pacers the lead and then completed the spurt with two free throws with 2:26 left.

Suns 117, Clippers 94: Phoenix won its fourth straight game and eighth in a row over San Diego as Truck Robinson scored 25 points and Kyle Macy 22. The Clippers were still in the game entering the fourth quarter, but the Suns scored 39 points in the final period to win going away.

BLAZERS 121, Nuggets 113:Calvin Natt scored 30 points and led a solid Portland rebounding effort with 14 as the Blazers beat

Denver. The Trail Blazers outrebounded the Nuggets 33-13 in the first half and took a 62-46 lead at intermission. Denver came back to cut the lead to two points with 9:47 left, but Mychal Thompson led an 11-0 spurt with seven points as Portland pulled away. Dan Issel led Denver with 34 points.

Knicks 112, Pistons 100: Maurice Lucas scored a season-high 28 points and pulled down 19 rebounds to lead New York over Detroit. A basket by Lucas, who scored 12 points in the first quarter, gave the Knicks an 11-10 lead, and they never trailed after that. Another basket by the 6-9 power gave them their largest lead at 67-51 midway through the third quarter.

Kings 106, Rockets 104: Cliff Robinson scored 24 points and Phil Ford's basket with seven seconds left gave Kansas City a fourpoint lead over Houston. The Rockets led 97-92 midway through the final period, but the Kings outscored Houston 14-7 down the

Bucks 126, Cavaliers 110: Sidney Moncreif scored a career-high 39 points, hitting 16 of 19 shots, as Milwaukee coasted over Cleveland. The Cavaliers, who got 29 points from Mike Mitchell, were outscored 19-5 the early in the fourth quarter to break open a close

Spurs 110, Bullets 99: The NBA's leading scorer George Gervin, scored 42 points, including 14 in the third quarter as San Antonio outscored Washington 33-17. Washington, which got 27 points from Greg Ballard, cut the deficit from 83-68 to 89-81, but Mark Olberding scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to keep the Spurs ahead.

Sonics 103, Bulls 87: Gus Williams scored 25 points to lead Seattle to its fifth victory in six games and send Chicago to its fourth straight defeat. The Sonics outscored the Bulls 25-12 in the second quarter while hit-

Barker taken to three sets

Potter makes early exit

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 2 (AP) -The emergence of yet another brilliant young Czech star here Wednesday overshadowed the seeded players' victories in the \$200,000

Toyota Australian Open at Kooyong.
Sixteen-year-old junior Helena Sukova stormed into the third round of the title. defeating the world's eighth-ranked player, American Barbara Potter 6-4, 6-3. Sukova is not ranked in the first 250 on the women's computer list, but the situation should shortly change dramatically.

The tall Czech Wednesday overpowered the American with her speed, strength and exceptional reach. She stamped her mark on the tournament in the opening round with

America leads

BARCELONA, Dec. 2 (AP) -America led Europe 4-3 after the three first matches of the second day for the first three-day, eight-player tennis meeting between the two continents Tuesday.

The results were: Gene Mayer, U.S., defeated Spain's Manuel Orantes 6-2, 7-6. Ivan Lendl, Czechoslovakia, defeated Argentina's Guillermo Vilas 7-5. 6-2. Yannick Noah, France, defeated Vitas Gerulaities, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.

The matches were played at Barcelona's Montjuich Sports Palace before and estimated crowd of 4,000

another straight sets win, this time over American Anne Smith who is ranked number 16 in the world.

But Sukova now faces a massive test in a third round match against Czechoslovakia's defending champion Hana Mandlikova. Although they have never played each other in a tournament outside of Czechoslovakia, they have met a number of times in national

Six weeks ago they faced each other in the semi-finals of the Czech Championships on clay and Mandlikova won in straight sets. Sukova is the daughter of 1962 Wimbledon runner-up Vera Sukova, who for some time also coached Mandlikova. Although the center court confrontation here will be a critical test, Sukova said she stopped getting nervous before matches six years ago and she also knows Mandlikova's game. Against Potter she acknowledged that she had nothing to lose and went for as many shorts as possible.

Of the seeded players, only England's Sue Barker took more than two sets to win. Barker defeated rising young German Eva Pfaff 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. She said later that although her form had improved this year, when she arrived in Australia she found she had not enough power and was not timing the

Barker said she found Pfaff a difficult person to play for you never know what she's going to do. "She has so much talent that she can't make up her mind what shot she wants to play," said Barker, "And I couldn't get to the net because I wasn't getting too many first serves in and couldn't put any pressure on

Barker now meets pig-tailed young American Andrea Jaeger, who has an intimidating 6-1 winning record over the English girl. But none of her victories have been on grass and Sue Barker has been visiting Australia for ten years. In their most recent meeting in the U.S. clay court quarter-finals Jaeger beat Barker in three

Bettima Bunge, the twelfth seed defeated American Anne Kiyomura 6-0, 6-4, faces Queenslander Wendy Turnbull Thursday and has a 2-1 record against her. American Kathy Jordan has a daunting task against Czech-born American Martina Navratilova. Navratilova has won all of their seven encounters, including one at Wimbledon on grass. Kathy defeated compatriot Betty Nagelsen 6-4, 7-5.

Top seed Chris Evert LLoyd cruised through to the quarterfinals along with the number two seed Tracy Austin and another American Pam Shriver. Shriver and Austin will face each other Friday for a place in the

Evert Lloyd defeated American Candy Reynolds 6-4, 6-2, while Austin beat Canada's Marjorie Blackwood 6-3, 7-5. Shriver blasted Briton Jo Durie 6-3, 6-2.

Chandler to defend crown

ATLANTIC CITY, New .Jersey, Dec. 2 (AP) - Jeff Chandler will defend his World Boxing Association bantamweight title for the fourth time when he meets Eijiro Murata of Tokyo in a 15-round rematch Dec. 10.

The upcoming fight will be at the Sands Hotel. When they battled in Tokyo on April 5, the fight ended in a draw.

Chandler, a 25-year-old fighter from Philadelphia, has a 26-0-2 record. On Nov. 14, 1980, he took the WBA crown from Julian Solis with a 14th-round knockout.

Murata, 25, holds a 19-0-3 record and is rated the No. 1 contender by the WBA and the World Boxing Council. On June 11, 1980, he fought to a 15-round draw with WBC champion Lupe Pintor in Tokyo, becoming the only challenger known to fight consecutive draws for a world title.

Meanwhile, challenger Bashew Sibaca of South Africa refused to sign a contract Friday for his coming featherweight title bout with champion Eusebio Pedroza because the document was written in Spanish, but he signed later after it was translated.

'It's Spanish, I understand nothing, I don't know what it says," Sibaca shouted during the signing ceremony attended by about 50 sportswriters at a Chinese restaurant in a Panama city suburb.

The fight is to take place in the Panamanian capital Dec. 5 under the World Boxing Association's rankings. The WBA is based here. WBA officials hurriedly surrounded Sibaca and painstakingly translated word for word what the contract said, Finally, he smiled and signed the document.

"I'm ready to fight, even right now," the South African added, glaring at his adversary. "I'm going to tear off his head." Sibaca has now 79 of his 89 fights as a professional, 33 of them by knock-outs. He was lost 10 on

He said he has overcome problems he had with the food during his first few days here. "The tropical heat has not affected me. The problem is going to be Pedroza's facing my fists," he said.

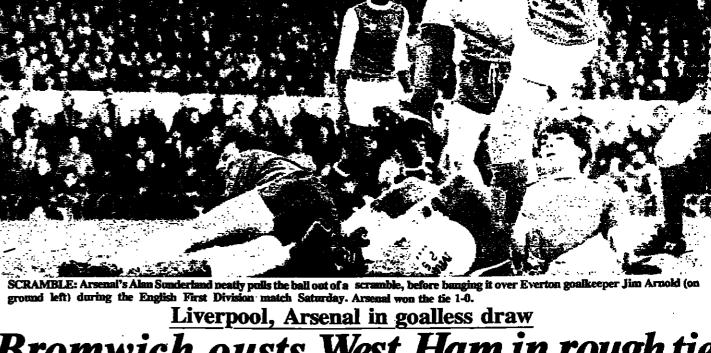
Pedroza will get a purse of \$55,000 and Sibaca \$10,000 in cash-tax-free, plus transportation and expenses here for himself, his coach Sydney Beck and his brother, Monde, who is also his sparring partner.

The number of Filipino boxers coming to Seoul for boxing contests is to be cut because they are suffering too many humiliating

The decision to cut down the number of Filipinos fighting in Seoul was taken by the Philippines' Games and Amusement Board after it emerged that of 70 Filipino boxers entering fights in Seoul since the start of the year only three have won bouts.

Gate receipts have dropped sharply lately as boxing fans began to boycott bouts in which local boxers almost always beat their weak Filipino opponents.

Meanwhile, Siony Carupo, one of the rare Filipinos who won a title bout in September, is to defend his Oriental-Pacific junior flyweight title against Korean Kim Sung-Nam, now ranked sixth in the World Boxing Association's (WBA) challengers list, on December 13 in Seoul.



LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) - Liverpool's Ray Kennedy was sent off for the second time this season, but the League Cup holders clung on Tuesday for a scoreless draw to force a fourth-round replay against his old club,

The former England midfield player was given his marching orders in the 38th minute at Highbury after he elbowed Arsenal's tough-tackling Peter Nicholas in the face. It was similar to the blow that brought his dismissal against Aston Villa in September.

In the second replay of a third-round League Cup match, west Bromwich finally bested West Ham 1-0 on the strength of an 85th-minute breakaway goal from Cyrille Regis. West Ham's Paul Allen and West Bromwich's Ally Brown both were sent off and West Ham's David Cross left with a knee injury in the wild and bruising contest.

Watford, meanwhile, reached the quarter finals for the third time in four seasons by trampling Queens Park Rangers 4-1, thanks to a first-half goal by Les Taylor and second-half tallies by Gerry Armstrong, Luther Blisset and Simon Stainrod.

Wigan Athletic's dreams of League Cup glory were dashed by league champion Aston Villa, which came from behind to win the fourth-round contest 2-1.

Peter Houghton gave Wigan the lead with a goal in the ninth minute. But then goalkeeper Roz Tunks marred a superb display by pulling down Gary Shaw after 56 minutes.

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Best may play for Middlesbrough Meanwhile, George Best, the prodigal son of British football, could make an English First Division comeback with Middlesbrough. The relegation threatened club are

alty. Later, Shaw set up Peter Withe for

confident of signing Best, if 'Sewyase Earthquakes' are prepared to release the 35-yearold northern Irishman, while Best is rumored to be keen to join Boro.

Middlesbrough manager Bobby Murdoch said Tuesday, "Best has a burning ambition to play in the World Cup finals. To achieve this he must play in the First Division. I do not know whether Best could make a football league comeback. But I am now confident he will do a job for us because he has a special World Cup target."

"Best will want to prove his fitness and form and I am optimistic he will join us. At present, however, Best is still in California where he has been training for the Aceric Indoor League."

Irish manager Billy Bingham, who included Best in his squad for the qualifying match with Scotland recently, but then left him out because he was unfit,' said Tuesday, the door is not closed to any player at this stage. "Every player who is eligible will be considered on fitness and form when I name my provisional 40 for the World Cup finals

Algeria to go all out in World Cup finals ever, until 1964 Algeria profited from the

Villa's 87th-minute winner.

ALGIERS, Dec. 2 (AFP) - Algeria will go to the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982 ready to fight their hardest but with no illusions about their chances, Algerian Football president Ben Ali Sekkal said here this

"Algeria will not be playing as mere extras next June," he said. "One thing is certain our players are going to sweat and fight. They are motivated, even if they face an uphill battle against teams with more names, men, tradition and support structures than we have Football, already the top sport in Algeria,

should undergo an expansion with Algeria's World Cup participation. "We are going to have to increase our infrastructure to accommodate increased demand for the sport," Sekkal said.

Since its independence in 1982, Algeria has lacked a football system to equal the graduated club set-up in European countries which helps bring along football talent. Algeria, with more than 70 percent of its 2,000,000 citizens under 30, has a lot of talent waiting to be developed.

Algeria does have a football past. How-

ORANGE, Australia Dec. 2 (AP) - The

West Indies cricketers outgunned New South

Wales country by 54 runs at Wade Park here

Wednesday to win a limited over one-day

The West Indians, sent in to bat, made 235.

for six from their 45 overs. New South Wales

country, a team drawn from associations in

the western zone of the state, could muster

But 33-year-old Orange orchardist Jeff

Culverson completed a fine double when he

captured the wickets of opener Desmond

Haynes (46), skipper Clive Lloyd (6) and

wicketkeeper David Murray (1). He later hit

up 21 from 16 deliveries as New South Wales

The West Indians, unusually subdued,

were 112 for six from 26 overs when Malcolm

Marshall joined tiny batsman Gus Logie. The

pair put on 113 in 76 minutes to pull the

tourists back into the game, with Marshall

New South Wales country skipper Bob

Oakley, a former northern district Sydney

first grader, played a courageous captain's

knock for a match top score of 78. Oakley's

Brief scores: West Indians 235 for 6 in 45

overs (D. Haynes 46, A. Logie 63 n.o. M.

Marshall 65 n.o.; Culverson 3 for 54) beat

New South Wales 181 for 8 in 45 overs (F.

Smith 23, R. Oakley 78, A. Sharp 27; Mar-

shall 2 for 33, Garner 2 for 26, Joeseph 2 for

ZURICH, Dec. 2 (AFP) - The team of

West Germans Horst Schuetz and Liechens-

tein's Roman Hermann took the lead Tues-

day from first day leaders Don Allan and

Gary Wiggins of Australia after the second

day of the six day cycling race here.

German pair leads

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Windies snatch

54-run victory

"remains" of the former team of National Liberation Front (FLM); composed exclusively of players who had played in France until 1958 before joining the FLN. Mekhloufi (Saint Zaeienne), the Soukane

brothers (Le Harve). Maouche (Reims). Zouba (Nimes), Zitouni (Monaco) and other helped the Algerian flag fly over stadiums everywhere. This team even beat West Germany 2-0 and drew with the Soviet Union. Political crises from 1965-1973 wrecked Algerian Football. But the sport is making a renaissance since the sports referendum carried out since 1977 under the Physical education and Sports code.

In 1975 Algeria won the gold medal at the Algiers Mediterranean Games. Three years later they won the Algiers African Games and in 1979 won the bronze medal at the

Mediterranean Games in Split (Yugoslavia), Algeria was then finalist in the African Nations Cup in 1980 losing to Nigeria, whom Algeria eliminated this year in the African qualifying group. In 1976, the Algerian Mouloudia Club won the African Club Champions Cup. In this year's Club Champions Cup. Algeria's J.E. of Tizi Ouzou has already won the first leg (by 4-0) in the final against Zaire's Vita Club.

The new infrastructure created by the Physical Education and Sports code is inspired by the set-up in Eastern countries. with players clearly assigned to different sectors, including schools and work centers as well as the elite of national teams. In addition, new stadiums have been built, several with synthetic pitches, under the banner; of "Operation playing pitches."

The Algerians will be taking an offenseminded football to Spain. Their midfielders are Belloumi, 23, Fergani and Dahleb. The strikers include Madir, Chebel and Zidanek. The defensive regulars are Djaadaoui, Kourichi and Kouicioo. The team has two managers, one a hometown boy Algerian Maouche, who cares for the individual flair of the Algerian game, and the other, a Soviet import to the Green and Whites, Rogov, who sacrifices the spectacular for the effective. Rogov wants to improve the realistic, physical side of the Algerian game and make them

U.K. bid to curb fan violence

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AFP) - British fans will be issued with a pamphlet of "do's" and "don'. t's" before they travel to the football World Cup in Spain next June.

The pamphlet was one of the few concrete ideas to emerge from Tuesday's meeting between officials of the four home football associations and Sports Minister Neil Mac-Farlane to discuss preventing trouble in-

MacFarlane ruled out the confiscation of passports from known troublemakers, a measure favored by F.A. chairman Bert Millichip. "It is not part of our way of life, if people have passports, they are free to travel', said MacFarlane.

Extra consular staff and liaison officers would be drafted into the areas where British teams were playing. But there seemed to be few definite ideas on how to control the element of booligan fans who will undoubtedly turn up to watch England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

MacFarlane said that the trouble was likely to be caused by a small minority. "I think that 99.9 percent of British fans going to Spain

will be well behaved and I would caution the odd point one percent that the methods of control by continental police authorities are in stark contrast to our own".

MacFarlane appeared to be hoping that the

harsher tactics of foreign police would act as a deterrent to would-be trouble makers. English F.A. secretary Ted Crocker stressed that the talks were exploratory but said the minister of sports' views coincided with

his own. Meanwhile, in the UEFA Cup. Winterslag of Belgium and Dundee United of Scotland battled to a scoreless draw in difficult condi-

The teams were evenly balanced and although each side had a number of scoring chances, neither gained the upper hand for

The ground was very muddy after persistent rain over the last week and Dundee United manager Jim McLean lodged a formal protest with the UEFA observer about the state of the pitch. "It's a disgrace to football that we had to play in these conditions," he said after the match.

Bad luck strikes French yachtsman

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 2 (AFP) — French yachtsman Eric Tabaraly seems to be having as rotten luck in the second stage of the Whitebread Round-the-World Yacht race as he did in the first. Tabaraly, in his boat Euromarche, is

becalmed, just when he was making good time in the stage from Cape Town to here and was on the verge of moving up in the adjusted time standings.

Calm struck his boat only a few hundred miles before the first stage's finishing line at Cape Town, and now about 60 nautical miles from here he is becalmed again, with the Dutch yacht Fiver first to finish Tuesday.

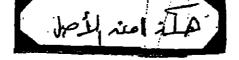
Fourth place is less certain. Reports had the French yacht Charles Heidseck III five nautical miles to the east of North Cape, the northern point of New Zealand, with the Brit-

ish yacht FCC Challenger 25 nautical miles behind and French ship Kriter IX, winner of the first stage on adjusted time, another five nautical miles back. Eriter IX could still win the second stage on adjusted time if she crosses the finish line before Dec. 3.

Wales drops Burgess

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 2 (AFP) -Flanker Clive Burgess is out of the Wales team for Saturday's Rugby Union international against Australia at Cardiff Arms Park here. The 30-year-old forward is replaced by Gareth Williams.

Burgess, recalled to the team last season and voted "Player of the year" by the Welsh Rugby Writers' Association, missed Monday night's training session because of flu and was withdrawn Tuesday.



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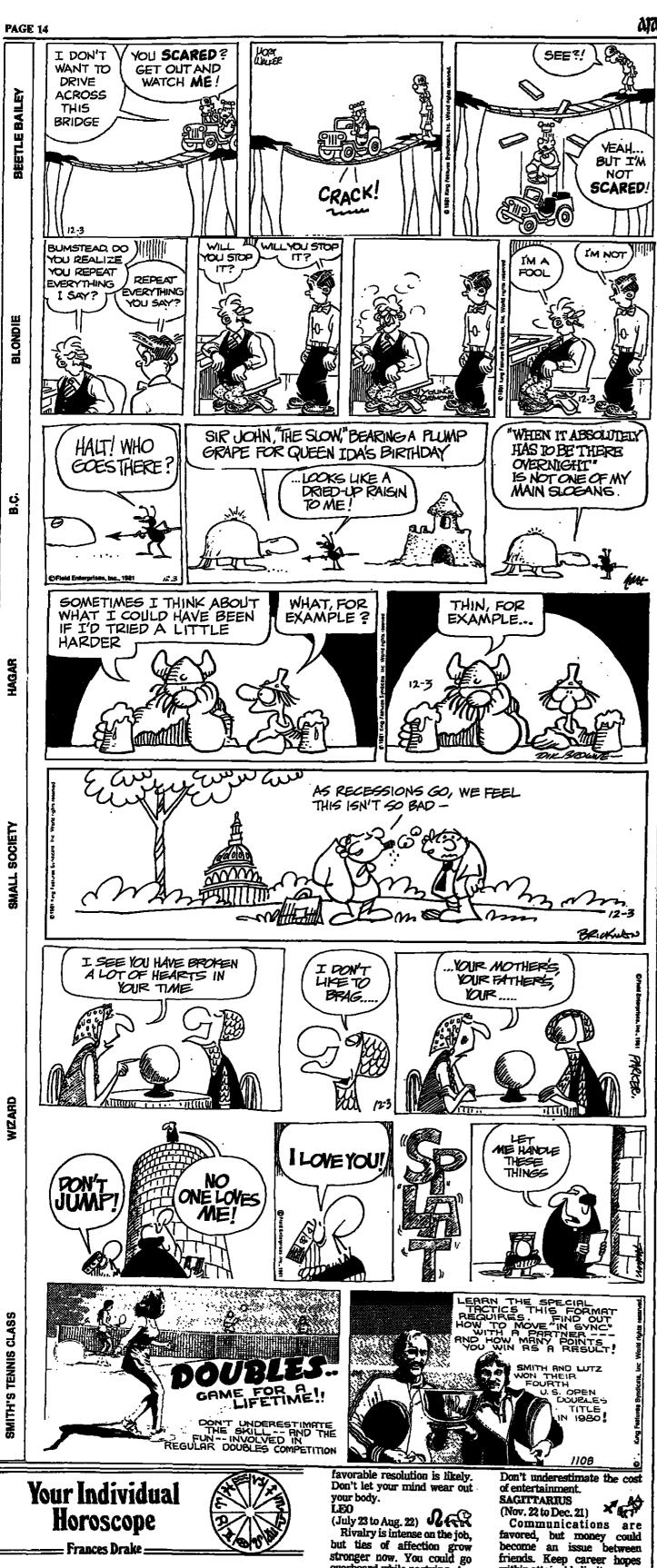
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success, but some colleagues may be jealous. Rapport with loved ones is indicated, but curb self-indulgence.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters. apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES EOGDARGW NWFEOG AWY FUDWOJDYM CNQA ĞQ WCCWPGF QC CQOOZ DF CQQOF. LQNOJ LDGU UWNTWNG FHWYFWN

'South dealer.' North-South vulnerable.

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Pass Pass

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Opening lead — five of spades.

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If a defender improperty exposes a card, it becomes a penalty card which must be played at the first legal oppor-

tunity. This deal occurred at the 1962 Nationals, and at one table the bidding went as shown. West's four notrump bid asked partner to bid clubs or spades. East duly obliged with five spades, raised by West to six. When this came around to South, he decided to venture seven diamonds.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TRY TO UNDERSTAND YOURSELF AND THINGS GENERALLY.-GOETHE

> Famous Hand At this point, while West was cogitating whether to bid seven spades as a sachiice East doubled out of turn - and furthermore led the ace of

trumps to confirm the soundness of his double! Naturally, the tournament director was summoned. He ruled, among other things, that North-South could continue bidding in turn and that the ace of diamonds was a

penalty card. South thereupon ran to seven notrump! He recognized that seven diamonds was hopeless, but thought he might be able to make seven notrump with the aid of an ex-

posed card. West led a spade. Declarer finessed the jack and then scored four heart tricks by trapping East's king. South had been hoping that East would show out of hearts and be forced to discard the ace of diamonds, but he had no such

South now played a club to dummy's king, cashed the A-K of spades, East continuing to follow suit as the ace of diamonds still remained ex-

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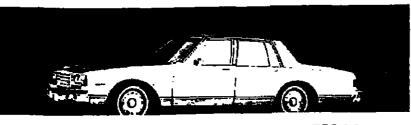
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Decision on future deferred

Department clears Allen of wrongdoing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2(R) — The White House says it will not decide on the future of U.S. National Security Adviser Richard Allen until all allegations against him have been fully investigated.

The Justice Department Tuesday cleared Allen of any wrongdoing in receiving \$1,000 in cash from Japanese journalists who interviewed President Reagan's wife Nancy Jan.

But it said it had not decided whether to appoint a special investigator to look into other allegations against Allen, who took administrative leave from his post last weekend pending the inquiry.

The allegations include receiving two watches from the Japanese journalists. There have also been published reports that he continued as a private consultant to his former business firm after he joined the White House staff Jan. 20.

The White House said it would not comment until the investigation was completed. Asked if Allen would return to his post if cleared, spokesman David Gergen said: "We have no comment on that issue.

Allen, who says he accepted the \$1,000 to avoid embarrassing the Japanese, put the money in a safe and forgot about it, said he was very happy with the Justice Department ruling. "My own view is that the conclusion (on the other allegations) will be the same as it was in this particular case," he said.

The Justice Department said the Federal Bureau of Investigation interviewed 36 persons in the United States and Japan after the money was found in September in a safe in an office no longer used by Allen.

It said Allen did not violate any law and its criminal division recommended that the inquiry into circumstances surrounding the payment should be closed without appointing a special prosecutor. Allen said he had intended to hand the money to the authorities in line with government policy which does not allow officials to accept gifts worth more than

Mrs. Reagan received a lacquer box worth \$75 for granting the interview to the Japanese journalists. She immediately turned it over to the authorities.

Although Allen has said he expects to return to his White House post if cleared, top administration officials have refused to confirm this. White House counselor Edwin Meese told reporters Monday that such factors as Allen's "judgment" might be considered in deciding whether to reinstate him.

Allen temporarily left the Reagan team during last year's election campaign because of questions over his past business dealings and his second brush with controversy has embarrassed the Reagan administration.

Allen, 45, conceded in a television interview Sunday he had used bad judgment in accepting the money but said he had committed no crime.

The Justice Department said the FBI's investigation had yielded "a completely coherent and materially uncontradicted" account of how the money came to be found in the safe. The government investigators had been able to corroborate Allen's account of

The statement said there was no evidence to indicate Allen intended to keep the money for his personal use. It confirmed that the envelope turned over to Allen contained only \$1,000, contrary to published reports that the sum was \$10,000.

"Instead of uncovering specific information regarding a crime, the subsequent investigation has, without contradiction, yielded a detailed and innocent explanation of how the money arrived in the safe," the statement said. "There is no evidence that the money was intended for a Allen or was kept by Allen for a corrupt purpose."

White House immunity from lawsuit challenged

Gibraltar border may reopen

MADRID, Dec. 2 (R) — Spanish Prime Spain's first free post-Civil War elections.

Spanish cabinet reshuffled

By Catherine Raia Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 - Elliot L. Richardson, attorney general in the Nixon administration, argued before the U.S. Supreme Court Monday that the president of the United States has "absolute immunity" to civil damages suits and that it also extends to his "senior advisors who are essential to the president's discharge of his constitutional duties." "The worry about lawsuits," said Richardson, "can deter qualified people" to accept high positions in the U.S. government.

In a suit that brings this matter to the fore, Ernest Fitzgerald — fired from his Pentagon job in 1969 — is suing former Nixon aides Bryce N. Harlow and Alexander P. Butterfield, both represented by Richardson. Fitzgerald is seeking money damages from them claiming they participated in "a conspiracy 12 years ago to oust him from a U.S. Air Force Civil Service position in retaliation for his congressional testimony, thus violating his constitutional and statutory rights. Former President Richard Nixon, accused by Fitzgerald of advocating the reorganization of the Air Force Department that did away with his job, is the main target in the case.

As a civilian cost analyst in the Air Force during the Nixon administration, Fitzgerald testified before the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress about cost overruns on the Air Force C-5A transport plane. He said the cost of the plane could run into \$2 billion over estimates. His testimony was met with "bitter reaction within the Pentagon," according to Supreme Court documents.

Fitzgerald's lawyer John E. Nolan, against absolute immunity for the president and his aides, said, "Even if Harlow and Butterfield were entitled to a absolute immunity, their claims are unavailing in this case because they

Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo reshuffled

The prime minister, who took over leader-

ship of the Union of the Democratic Center

earlier this month, appointed two deputy

prime ministers, brought in six new ministers

and replaced two ministers who were given

top party jobs.
Political sources said the cabinet changes.

the first major reshuffle since last February's

attempted right-wing coup, tried to strike a

balance between warring factions of the

party, a loose coalition ranging from right to

Rodolio Martin Villa, first deputy prime

minister, is regarded as a right winger while

Juan Antonio Garcia Diez, second deputy

prime minister in charge of economy and

Culture minister Soledad Becerril, a 36-

year-old teacher from Seville, told reporters

she was overwhelmed at becoming Spain's first woman minister since the 1936-39 Civil

War. She took over Inigo Cavero who was

elected earlier this week as party secretary-

general, a move completing Calvo Sotelo's

It ended a damaging power struggle bet-

ween him and former Prime Minister Adolfo

commerce, is a Social Democrat.

takeover of the Centrists.

left-of-center.

his government to try to patch up internal

quarrels within the ruling centrist party.

respect to the termination of Fitzgerald's employment were within the scope of their

The former Nixon aides have petitioned the Supreme Court to show that their role in the abolition of Fitzgerald's job was "wholly peripheral, and that they should not be forced to go to trial where the facts on the case are insufficient," Richardson told the high court.

Harlow, Nixon's top aide for Congressional matters and counselor, claims that he 'never ordered, directed or approved that Fitzgerald be fired or that he be rehired." Butterfield, deputy assistant to President Nixon and deputy to the White House chief of staff, claims his only role in the affair was after Fitzgerald was fired Butterfield recom-

mended that he not be rehired. If Nixon and his aides are granted immunity in the high court, the impact on Congress will be devastating, according to Nolan. He said that Congress's ability to fulfill its function as overseer of the U.S. government will be impeded if government employees cannot feel free to testify the truth before congressional committees.

Nixon lawyer Herbert J. Miller contends that a president needs absolute immunity from lawsuits seeking money damages for misconduct in office if he is to be "vigorous and fearless" in performing his duties. Nolan says absolute immunity for the president may be acceptable in "exceptional situations," but that neither history nor the constitution requires it in all cases.

The final decision on whether the president is subject to civil suits for money damages is expected by July. Nixon, meanwhile, is trying to "squelch all current lawsuits seeking money damages against him," according to an Associated Press wire report.

The Centrist Party's internal crisis had

raised doubts about Calvo Sotelo's capacity

to govern until the 1983 general election.

Opposition politicians feared an election

would create a power vacuum and tempt the

military to step in. Deputy Prime Minister

Garcia Diez said Calvo Sotelo wanted the

In the reshuffle, Calvo Sotelo dismissed

Jesus Sancho Rof who had come under fire in

the scandal of poisoned cooking oil which has

killed 208 persons since last May. His Labor,

Health and Social Security Ministry was split

for the possible reopening of its frontier with

the British colony of Gibraltar, closed 12

years ago by Gen. Franco, official sources

A Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman

said work began a few days ago to ready the

frontier customs post and parking arrange-

ments for possible reopening. He said the

work could take three or four weeks to com-

problem between British and Spanish dip-

lomats in Madrid were going well. No agree-

ment had been reached so far but it was

hoped that this would be achieved before

Calvo Sotelo pays an official visit to London

The spokesman said talks on the Gibraltar

Meanwhile, Spain has begun preparations

new cabinet to last until 1983.

between two new ministers.

By Jihad Al Khazen

Form-filling appears to be the chief occupation for people living out here in the West. Back home, at least in my days, you filled a form once in a blue moon and a very simple affair it was usually. Name, date of birth and hand over a few

Good Morning

riyals in stamp duty and all's well. Here, the matter is different. Forms are filled for every conceivable thing you want to do or even *not* do. And in triplicate. And they're so hollishly complicated and exhaustive that you have to do them ten times at least beforehand to get the final

result right. They usually start with asking your name, that of your father, mother and great uncles and aunts, and whether they were married (the impertinence) and how long they lived to be. Then comes a section which says; answer question six -nine only if the answer to question four was affirmative. Do not answer question ten unless a negative answer to question eight was

It is at this point that I run to the department concerned begging for mercy. Anyway, the strangest thing about these forms is that you seem to lose your individuality at the very moment you thought you have recorded it forever, and in such detail. For you hand the form in and you are immediately told, "From now on, your reference is J/B/ 39768. That's what you'll call yourself when you address us, that's what we'll call you...

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Translated from Asharq Al -Awsal

Casey found fit, but rapped

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) - The Senate Intelligence Committee agreed Tuesday that its four-month investigation had found that William J. Casey is not unfit to serve as director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, but it nevertheless criticized some of his private business practices, Sen. Harrison Schmitt said.

The committee finished, but did not release, a cautiously worded report after two days of negotiations behind closed doors. One Democrat, Sen. Joseph Biden from Delaware said, however, he would dissent from the committee's basic conclusion about

Casey's fitness to continue as CIA director. Schmitt, a New Mexico Republican, said, our basic conclusion is that he was not unfit to serve, but it's safe to say the whole situation is not flattering. There were omissions in his reports' to the the Senate committee.

Schmitt said he was convinced that inadvertent errors caused Casey to have to file amendments to his disclosures to the committee last January about his past business clients. "We just wish he was more meticulous in his private (business) life," Schmitt

But Sen. Walter D. Huddleston, a Kentucky Democrat, said he believed the committee's report could be read two ways. Huddieston said Casey's errors could be viewed as ordinary mistakes or "you can take an attitude that there is a definite pattern of not being candid with the committee. There is enought in the report for the president to consider...whether it is in the best interests (of the country for Casey) to continue as

After the committee's second two-hour closed meeting in two days, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the acting chairman, announced that the panel would issue a report on its four-month investigation Wed-

director.'



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All 170 passengers and eight crew on the Inex-Adria jet, on a day trip from the northern Yugoslav city of Ljubljana, were killed instantly when it crashed in thick fog and high winds minutes before it was due to touch down at Ajaccio's Campo Dell'Om airport. A spokesman for the Corsican Air Control-

lers' Union said on a local radio station Tuesday night that the lack of an approach radar system at the airport could have contributed to the crash. Rescue teams continued to recover the remains of the passengers, scattered across a wide area. Police said Tuesday night they had recovered only 12 recognizable bodies.

The bodies were being taken to a curch in Petreto Bicchisano, the nearest village to the crash site, one and a half hours away by foot.

Investigators from the French civil aviation authority along with 15 Yugoslav officials have begun trying to piece together the events leading to the crash. Representatives of McDonnel-Douglas, makers of the DC-9, were expected to fly to Corsica later aviation sources said.

Several French newspapers Wednesday suggested a combination of three factors could have contributed to the disaster - the treacherous weather conditions, the lack of radar at Ajaccio and the difficult approach to the airport. Campo Dell'Oro lies on the edge of the Mediterranean surrounded by mountains, and pilots rate its approach among the most difficult in Europe.

Corsican air controllers have been pressing

for an approach radar system for years, their spokesman said. Sources at the aviation authority in Paris said the system had not been given top priority for Ajaccio because it could not be relied on to track aircraft flying in over the interior of the island.

In Belgrade, Voyage Kompas, the travel agency that arranged the one-day trip, said the DC-9 "did not have more than 1,000 hours flying time and was still under guaran-



home in Arlington, Va., Tuesday to com-ment on the decision of the Justice Department not to appoint a special pro-secutor to look into the \$1000 given to Allen by a Japanese magazine for an interview with first lady Nancy Reagan.

4 Soviets caught spying in Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (AP) - U.S. and West German officials detained three Soviet officers, a Soviet diplomat and an unidentified East German allegedly trying to obtain classified information from a West Berlin-based American soldier, U.S. authorities said Wednesday.

West Berlin state security officials and U.S. military police jointly apprehended the espionage suspects in West Berlin's Grunewald forest Tuesday after the unidentified soldier — with the consent of his superiors — acted as a decoy, said a spokesman for the West Berlin U.S. mis-

In accordance with the four-power Berlin agreement and after questioning, the spokesman said, the Soviet suspects were handed over to an accredited Soviet dipomat in East Berlin. West Berlin officials held the unidentified, 41-year-old East German suspect pending further investigation by a local judge.

At the same time, the spokesman said, the U.S. mission in West Berlin sent the Soviets a formal protest. The spokesman declined to confirm or deny reports that the Soviets were trying to obtain from the American soldier information about military installations in West Berlin.

The U.S. spokesman gave no details on the identity of the arrested soviet diplomat. The West Berlin daily Berliner Morgenpost reported earlier Wednesday that the suspected spy was the first secret-ary of the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin.

Warsaw Pact attacks Western missile plans

VIENNA, Dec. 2(R) - Warsaw Pact foreign ministers meeting in Bucharest have condemned Western plans to deploy new medium-range missiles in Europe as the biggest threat to world peace, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chnoupek said Wednesday.

In an interview with the official Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka, Chnoupek said the ministers of the seven-nation Communist alliance welcomed disarmament proposals by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in Bonn last week. The ministers agreed it was necessary to resume all frozen talks on disarmament, Chnounek said.

He made no reference to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's "zero-option" proposals for a mutual ban on medium-range nuclear

Suarez who set up the party in 1977 to contest on Jan. 8, the spokesman said. U.S. seeks fresh cash for NATO

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2 (R) — The United States is pressing its allies to agree on fresh cash for NATO's common fund for defense support facilities, diplomatic sources said

Tough bargaining is expected when defense ministers from the North Atlantic Organization (NATO) here next week and review the 1980-84, \$4 billion common infrastructure program, they said.

Washington seeks early agreement on replenishing the present fund, depleted by high spending levels in the first two years. The fund finances jointly used facilities such as shelters for aircraft, war headquarters, early warning radar and communication systems, pipelines and oil storage facilities.

It would also cover the building of sites for the new U.S. Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles to be deployed in five West European countries from 1983. Additional funding would be needed to go ahead with a number of priority projects, the sources said.

But West Germany, the largest contributor after the United States to the commonly funded program, is resisting Washington's efforts when it is seeking further cuts in its

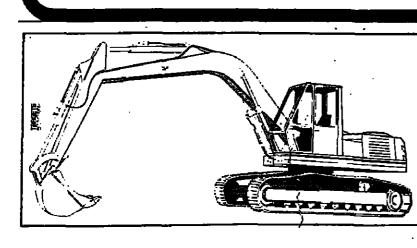
1982 national defense budget in a drive to reduce public spending, they said.

West German defense officials said there will be no real growth in military spending next year, despite a NATO commitment to aim for an annual three percent increase in real terms.

Belgium, Italy and Denmark support the West German stand. While recognizing that extra funding is needed they say the money is not available in the resent difficult economic situation, the sources said.

Countries like Portugal, Greece and Turkey, whose contributions to the fund are small, are in favor of an increase while Britain stands somewhere between the two, the sources said.

The present five-year program was adopted with a ceiling of one billion infrastructure accounting units (IAU), much lower than sums requested by NATO commanders, but with an agreement for a midterm review. At the time each IAU was worth \$4.7. It now stands at about \$4 and the United States would like to bring forward the midtern review planned for December 1982, the



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